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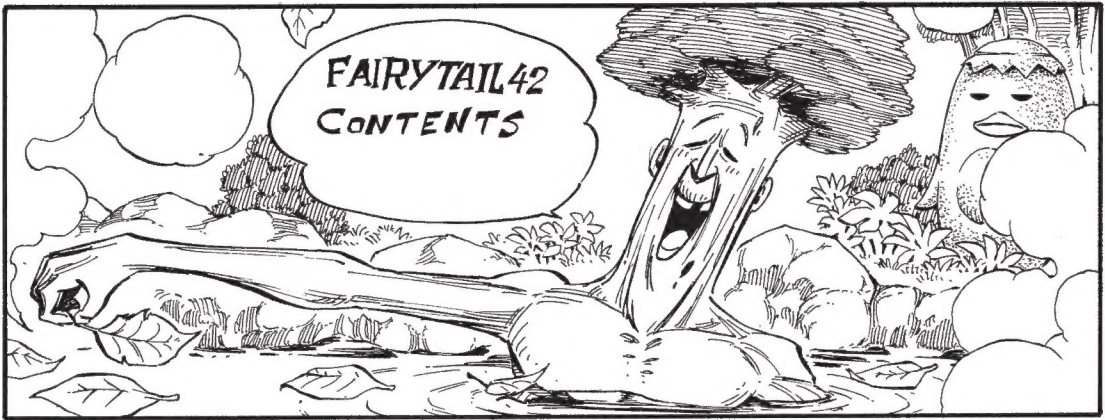
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Chapter 354: Kyôka



LAMIA SCALE	
Name: Toby Horhorta	Age: 25
Magic: Paralyzing Claws of the Mega-Jellyfish	
Likes: Sashimi	Dislikes: Socks



Remarks

Normally, he seems rather cheerful, but he has a history of suddenly getting angry for no good reason. Still, he is one of the more capable wizards in Lamia, helping lead the guild to second place in last year's Grand Magic Games even though Lyon and Jura did not take part.

He spent three months looking for a lost sock only to have it torn apart by Kurohebi of Raven Tail during a match in the Games. After that, they say he soon lost his other sock.





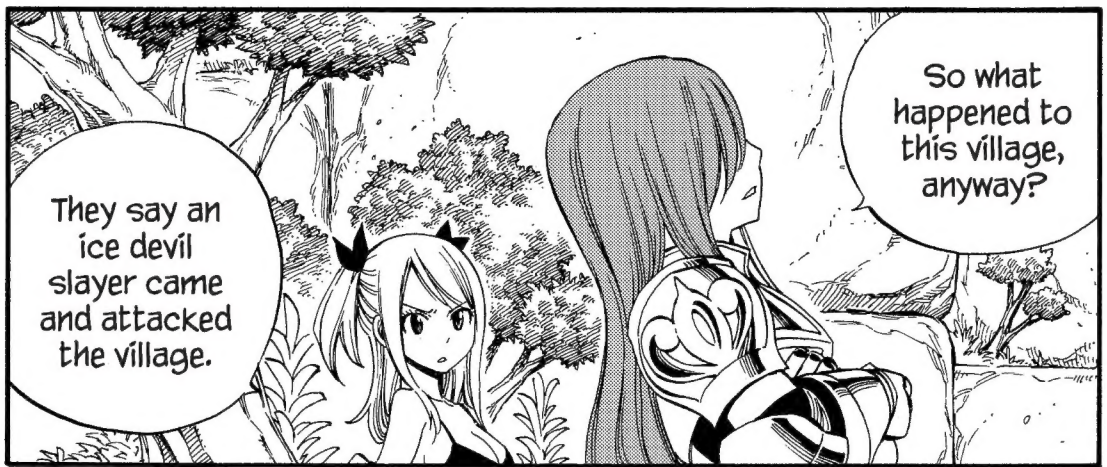
"Little guys?"

We're happy you're back to normal.

Our saviors sure are tiny little guys!

And even among "little guys," you're on the small side, Wendy.

WA HA
HA HA
HA HA!



So what happened to this village, anyway?

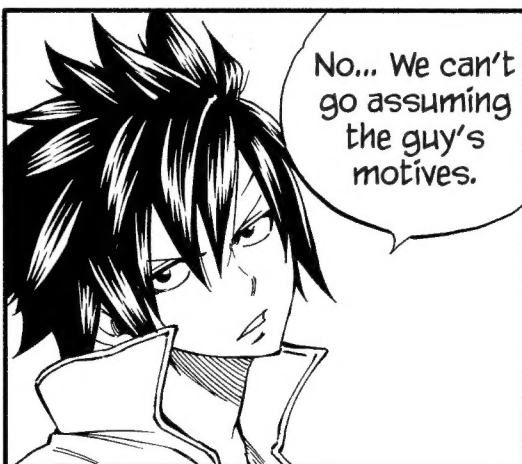
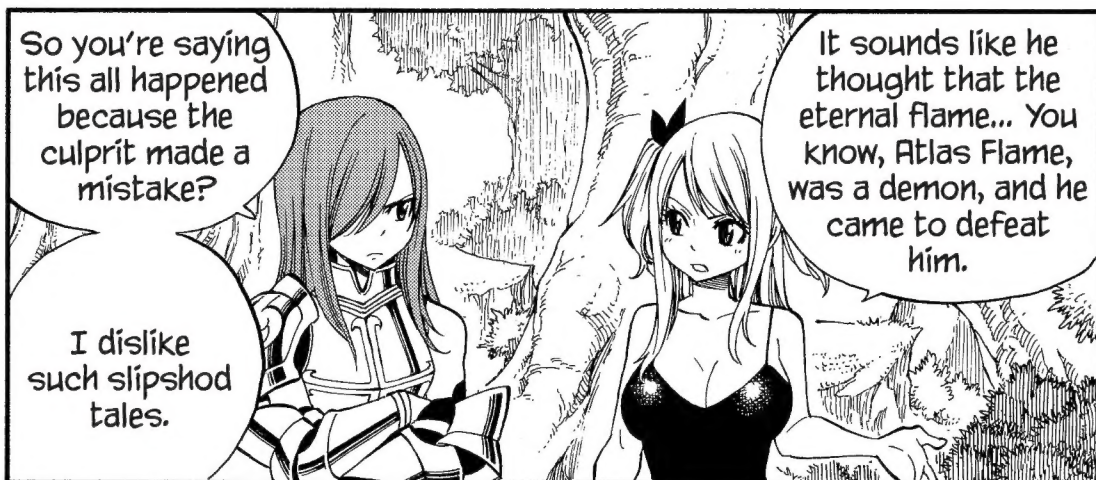
They say an ice devil slayer came and attacked the village.

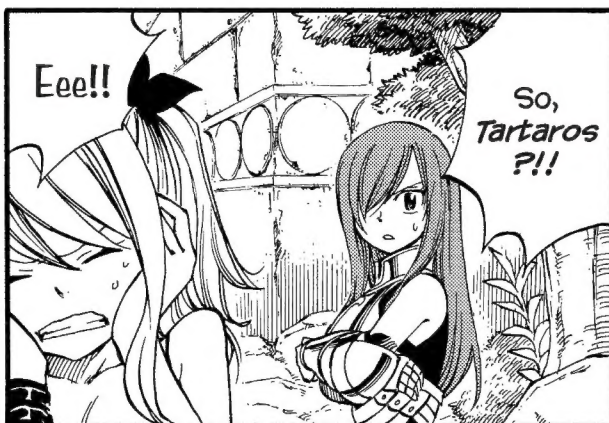


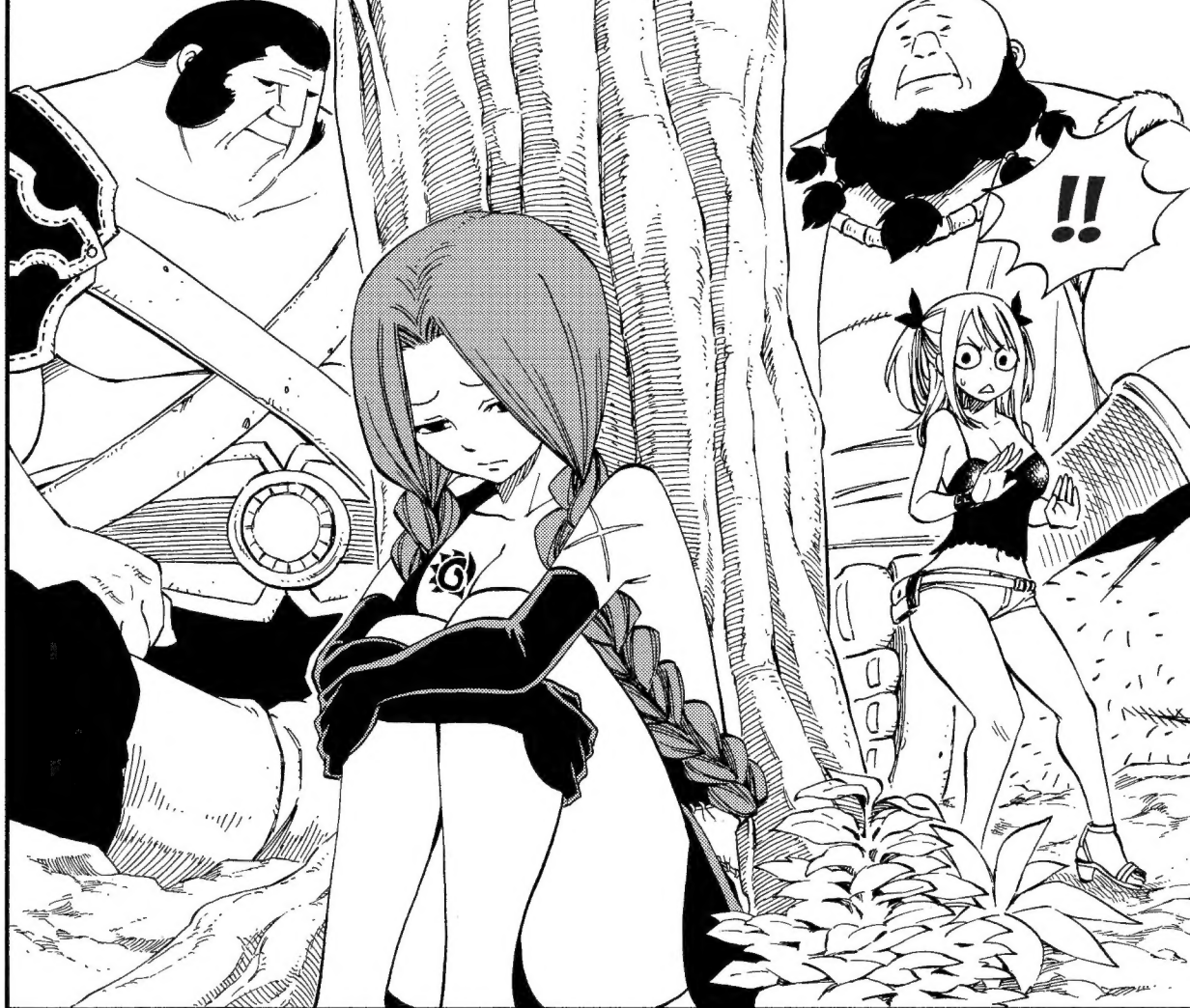
Yeah...

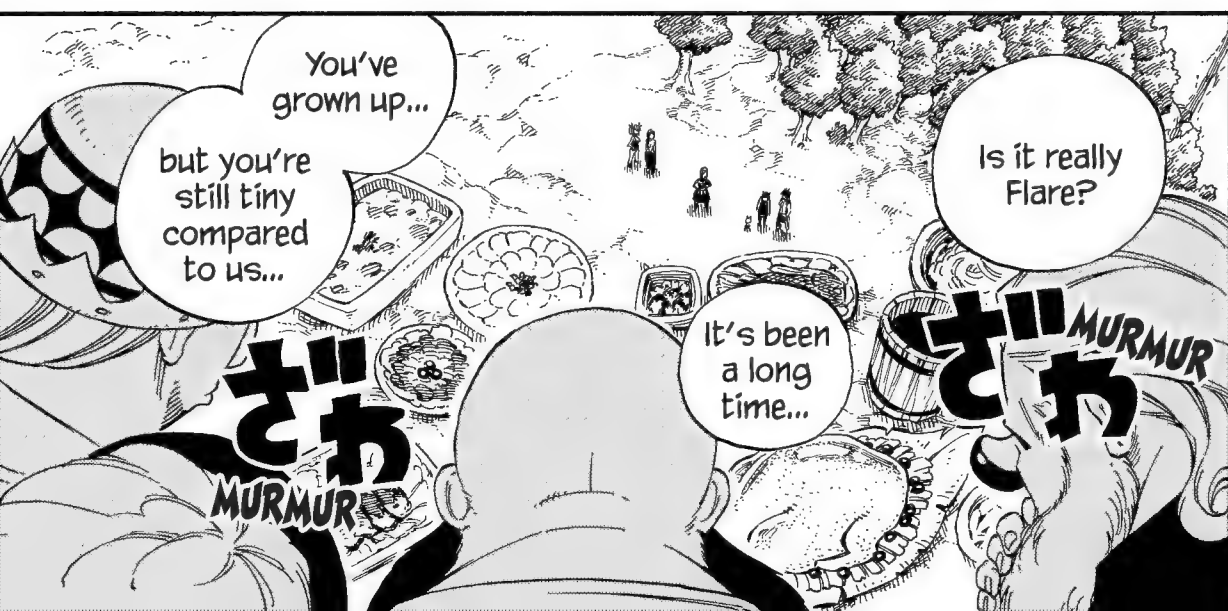
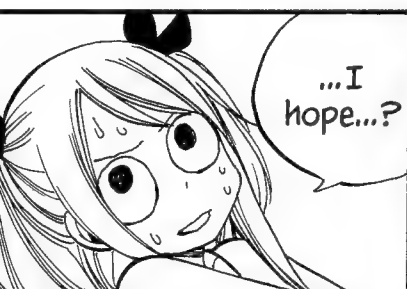
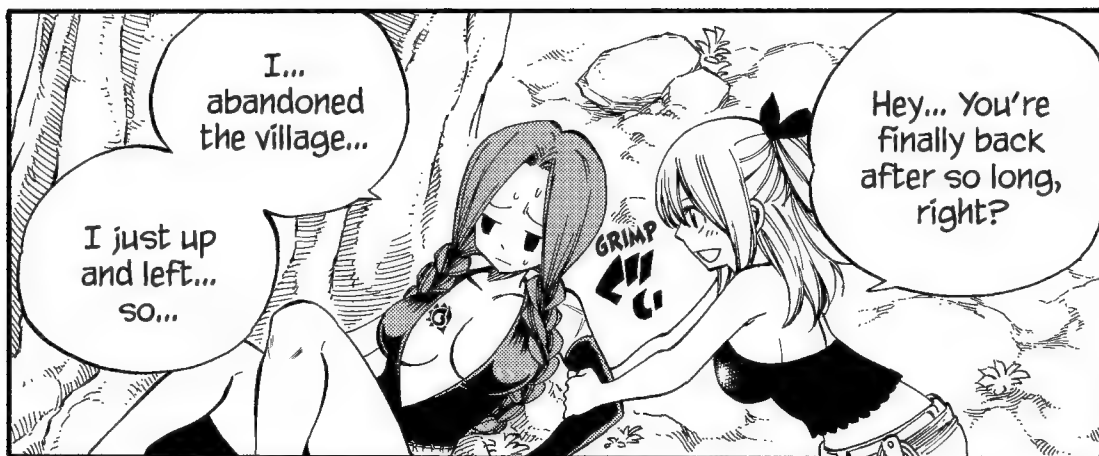
After that, we don't remember anything.

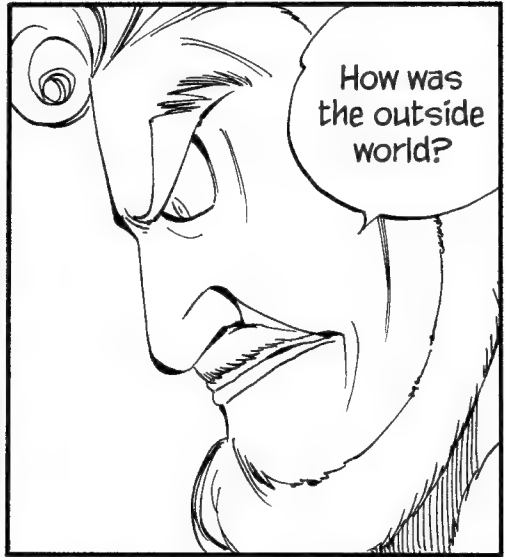
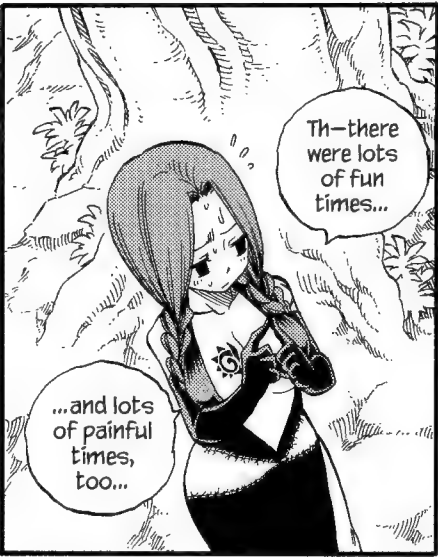
We got our weapons and tried to face him, but...







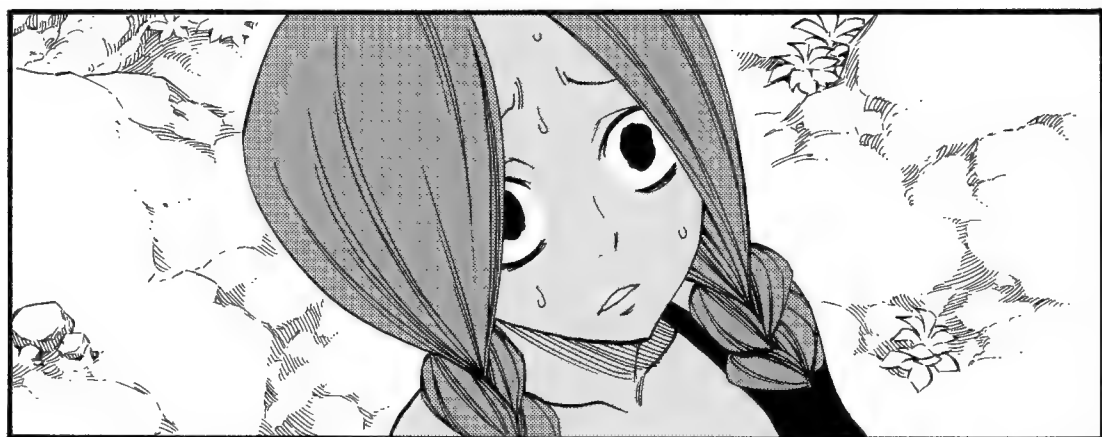






**As long as
you live.**

**You'll
find that
anywhere.**



Well... Anyway.
There's some-
thing we need
to say to you.



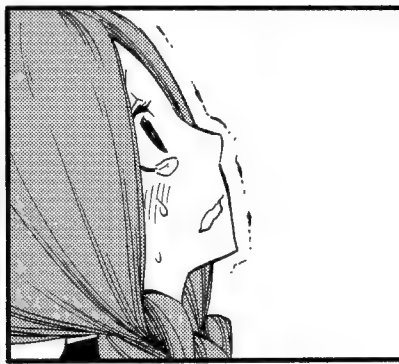
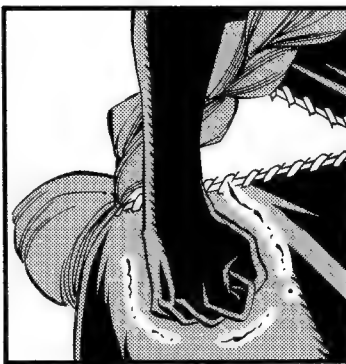
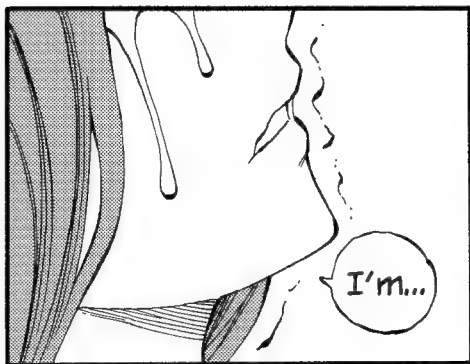
Yes.

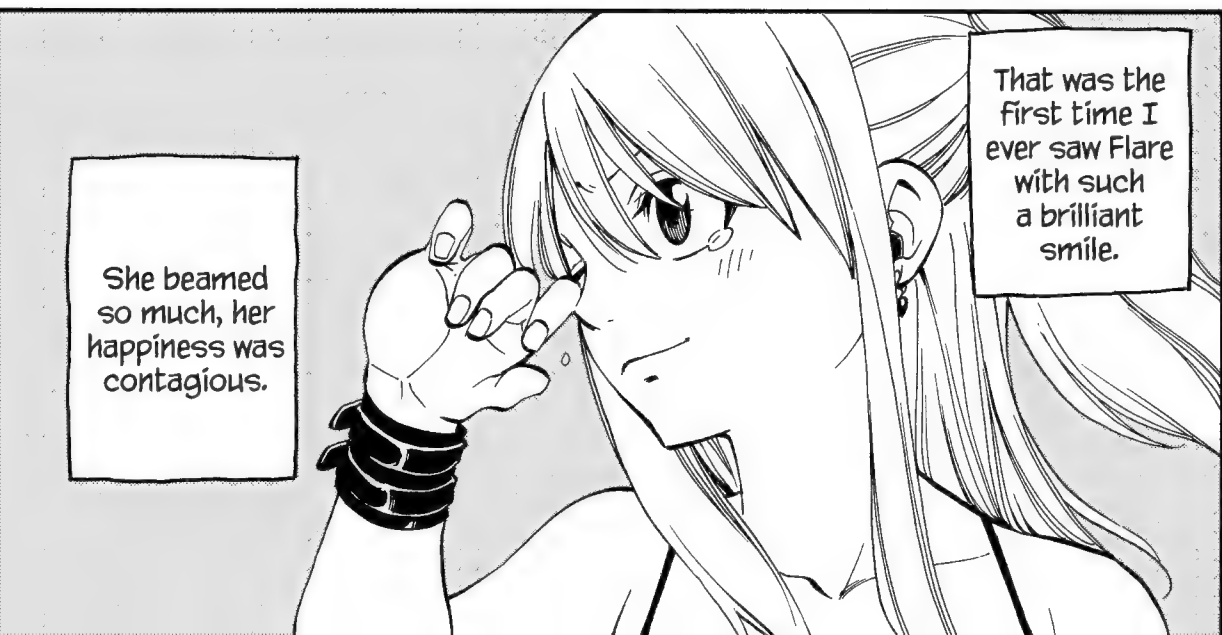
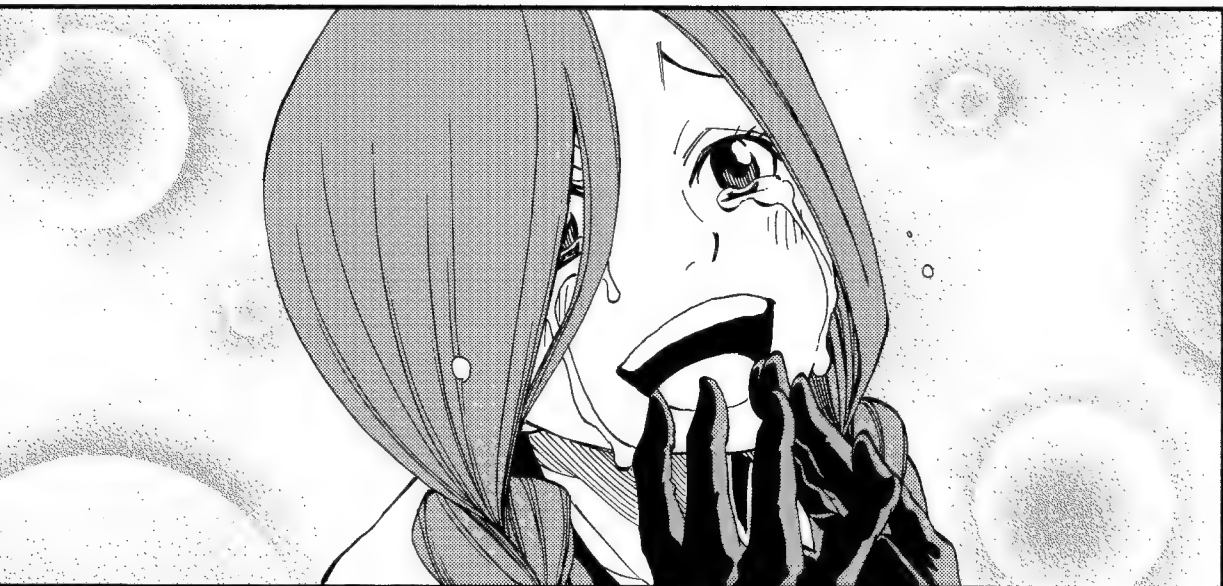
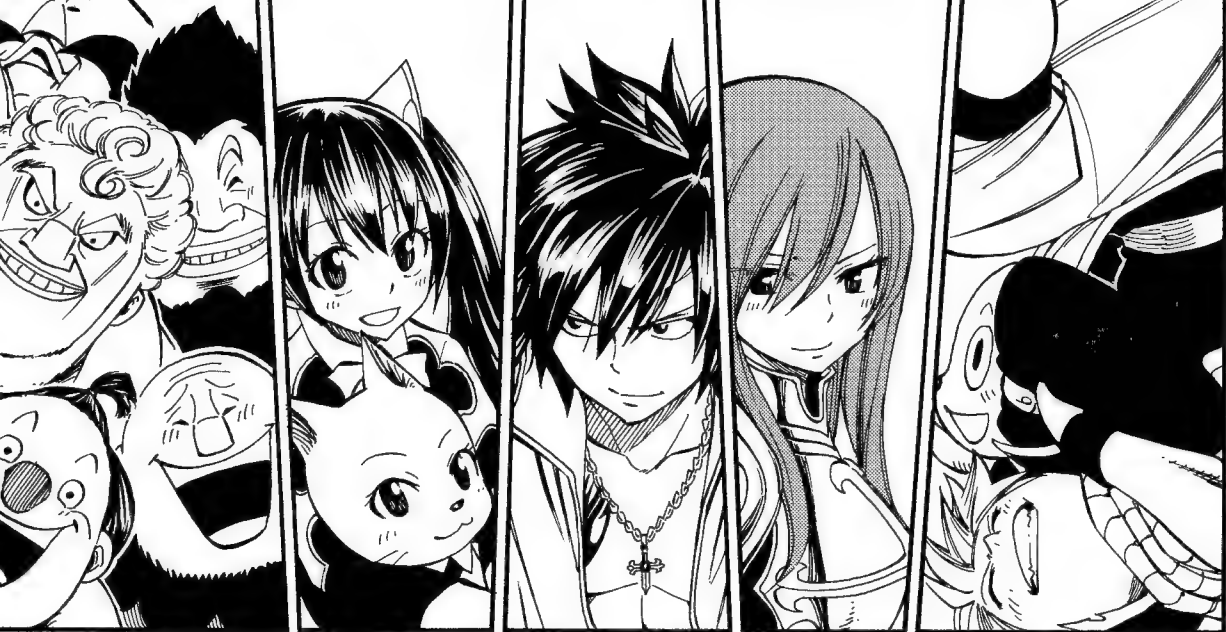
You're free
to come and
go as you
please.

Whether
you're here
or not...
this is your
home.



**Welcome
back,
our dear
daughter!**







It was so fun,
we forgot
about the
ominous words
we'd heard
that day.

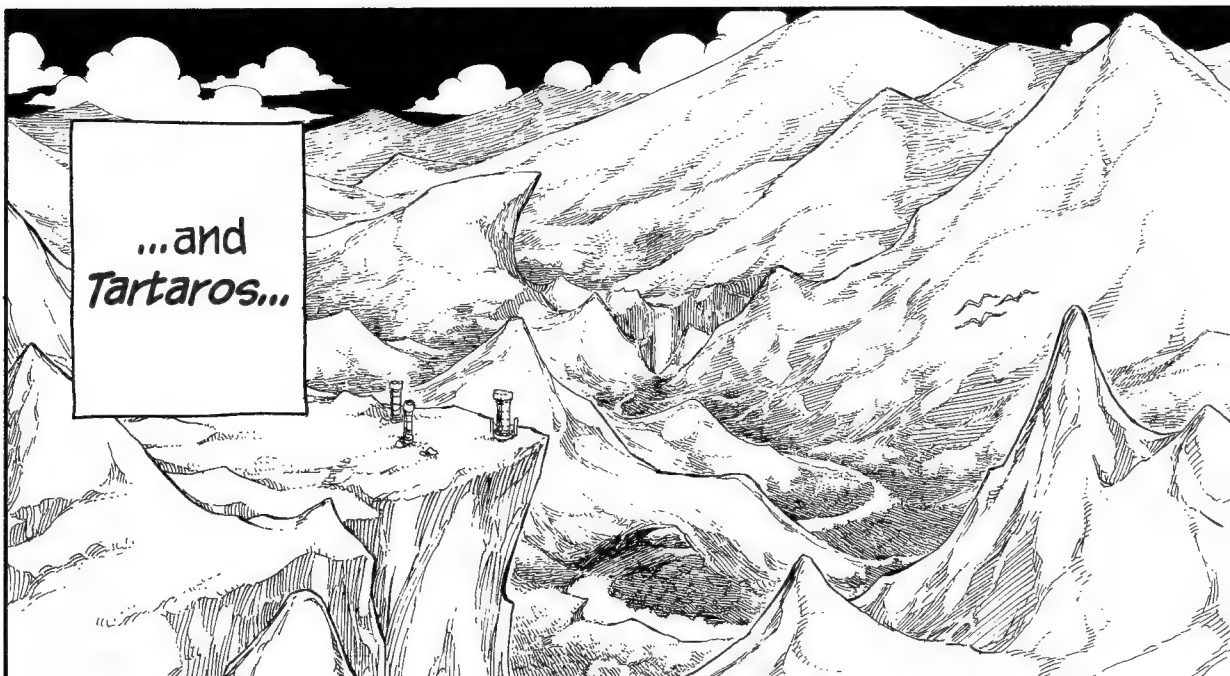
That evening,
we sang,
drank, and
partied with
the giants
until the sun
came up.



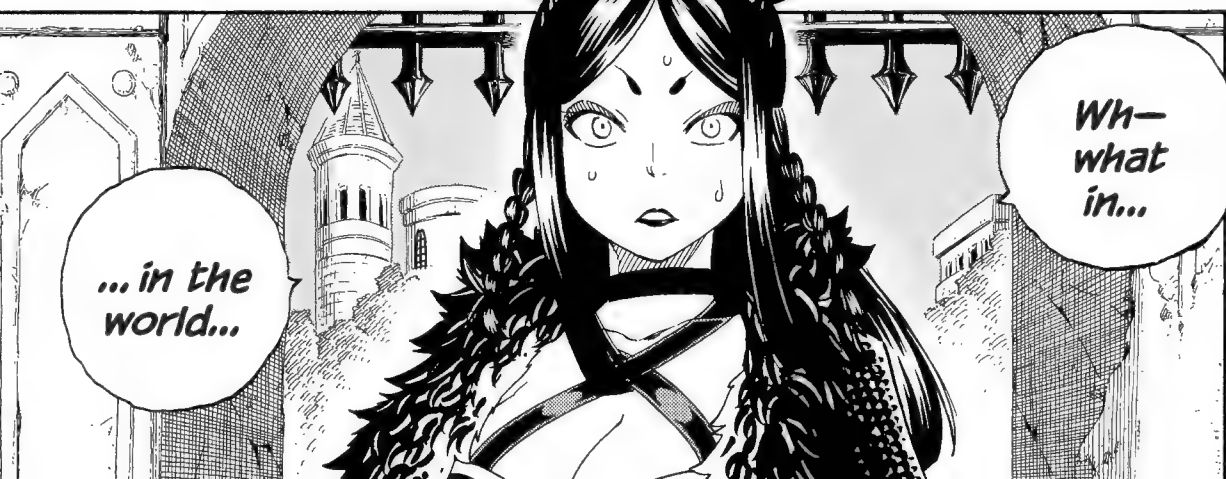
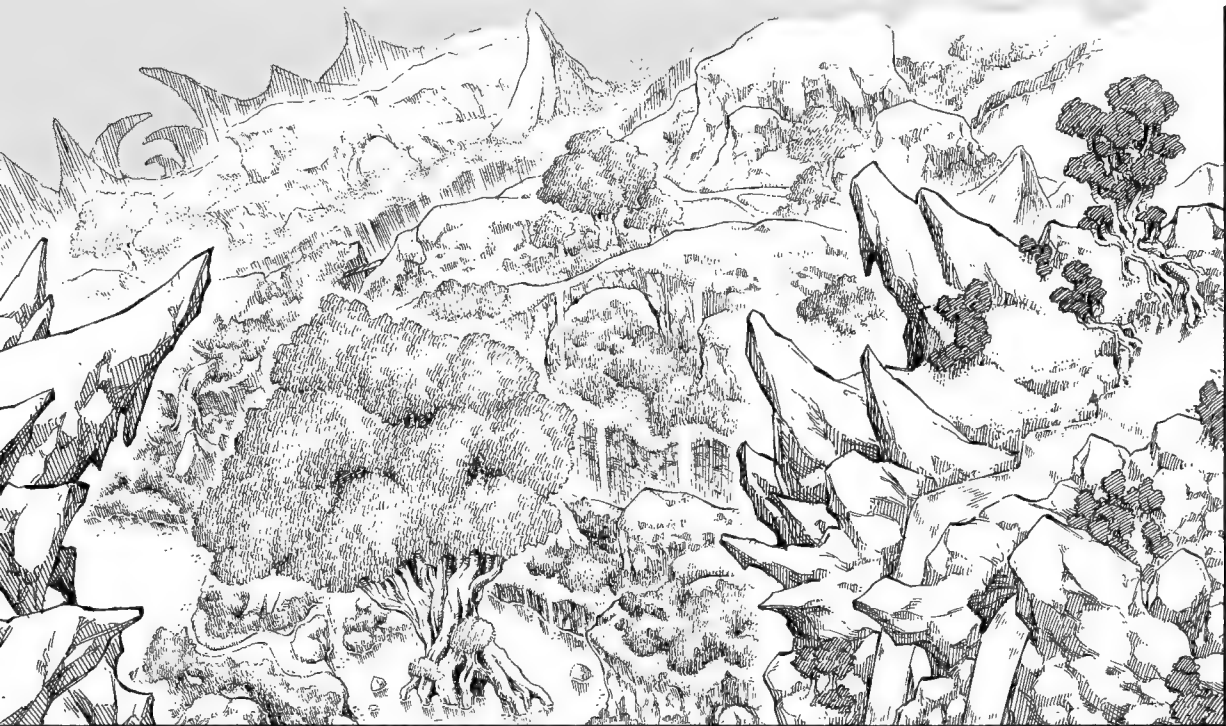
*Devil
slayer...
Demon
from the
Book of
Zeref...*

*Succubus
Eye...*

Minerva...



*...and
Tartaros...*









This one
is Kyôka.

One of
the Nine
Demon
Gates of
Tartaros.

DEMON GATE
OF TARTAROS

GODDESS OF THE
SLAVE PLANET

KYÔKA



It can't be...

...that news of our failure to protect the village has already reached them?!!



TARTAROS
?!!



This one has already spoken of her purpose here. To strengthen humans.



?!!

So Silver was acting on his own when he sent us there?



Of what do you speak? This one has no memory of any such village.

You would take such drastic action over the loss of a single village?



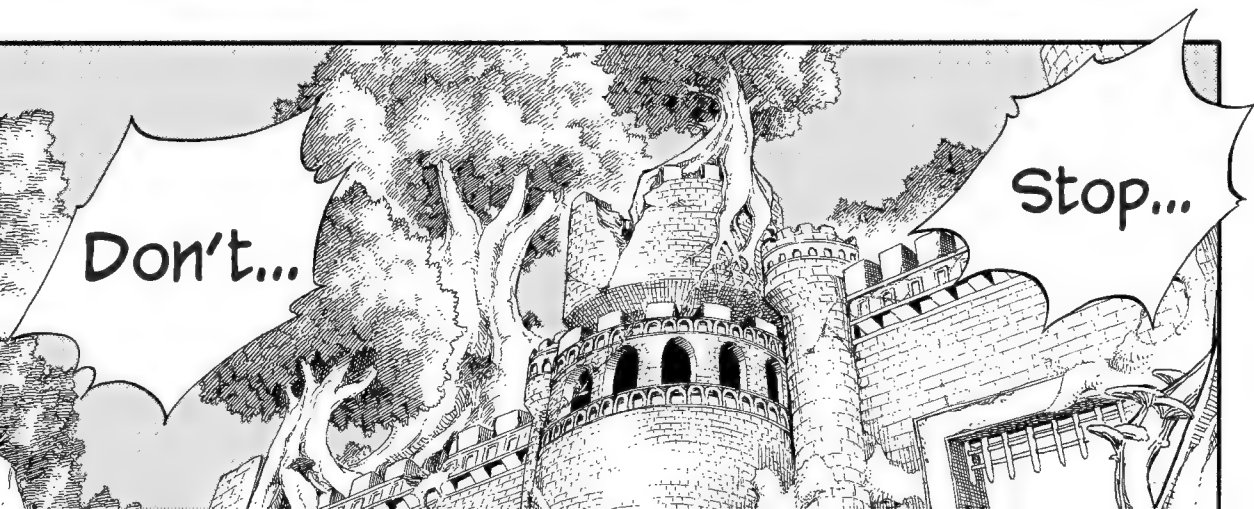
Those unsuitable for strengthening are of no value to us.



These wizards should have been your soldiers... What fool does that to her own troops?!

This one is here under the master's orders to muster our forces.


In the coming days... we will execute a massive operation.



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Chapter 355: Song of the Fairies



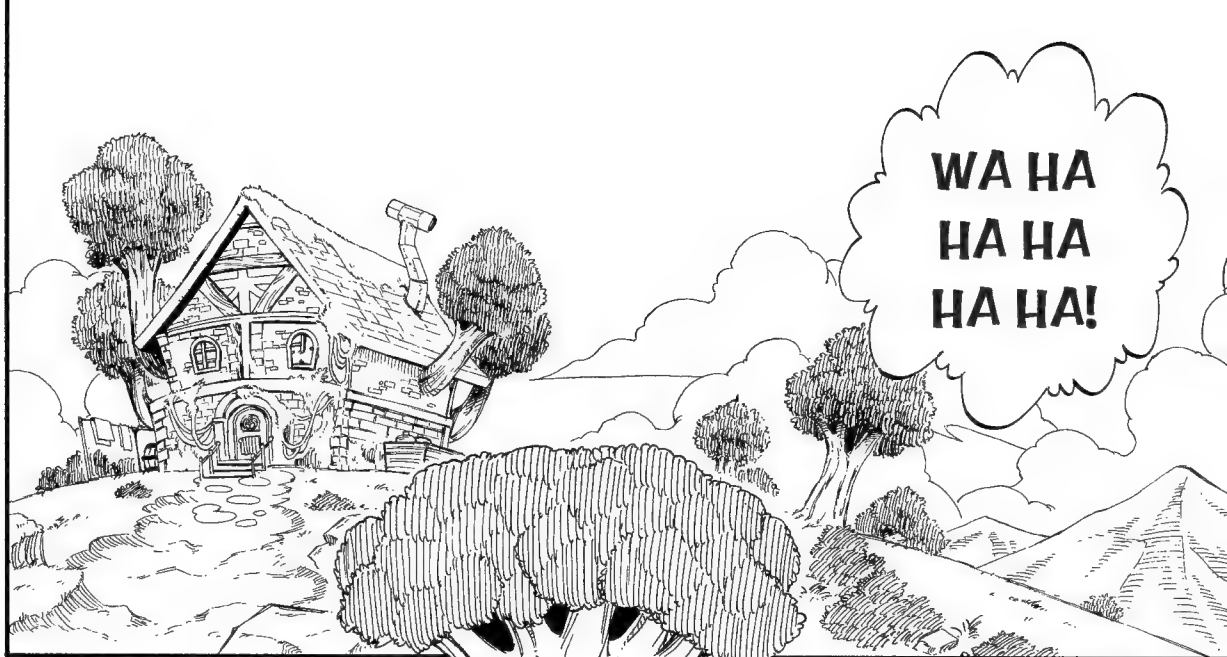
LAMIA SCALE	
Name: Yūka Suzuki	Age: 25
Magic: Wave Motion	
Likes: Eyebrows	Dislikes: Salty foods
	

Remarks

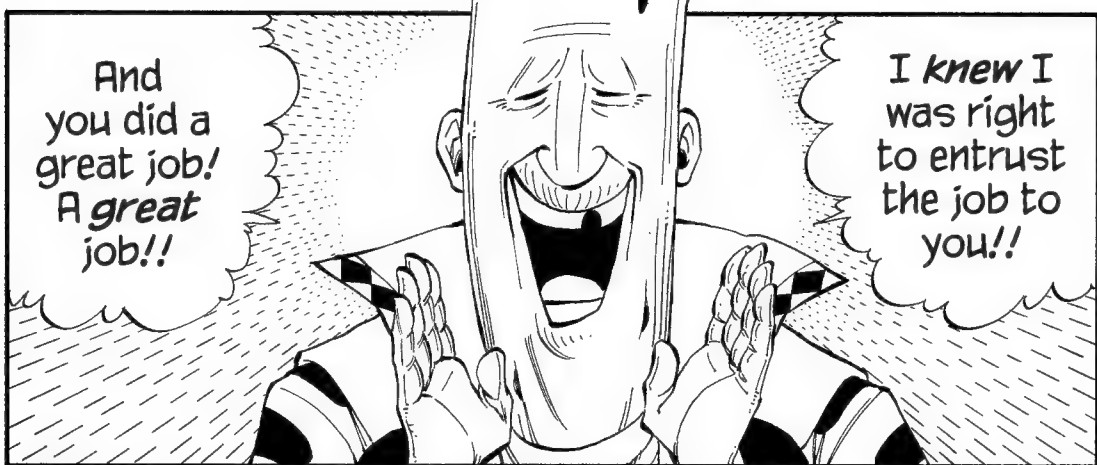
His magic creates a wave form that eliminates his opponent's magic abilities, and because of that, most of the jobs he goes on set him against other wizards. For a little while, he, Toby, and Sherry did too much evil and were expelled from their guild. Then they met Lyon and committed even more evil acts.

But after they met Natsu and the Fairy Tail members, they were reinstated, and with Jura's lectures, they've matured quite a bit.

He has too-prominent eyebrows. A long time ago, he played a game to see how many matchsticks he could balance on top of them.



WA HA
HA HA
HA HA!



And
you did a
great job!
A *great*
job!!

I *knew* I
was right
to entrust
the job to
you!!

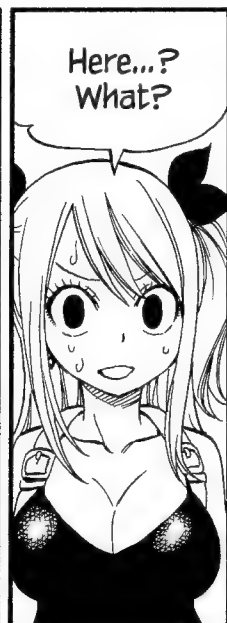
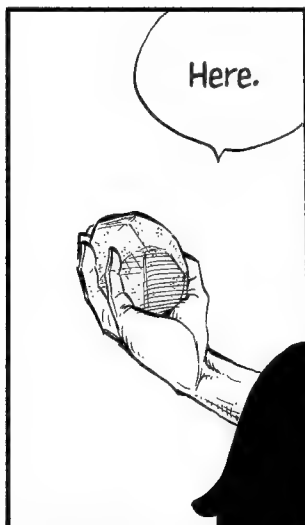
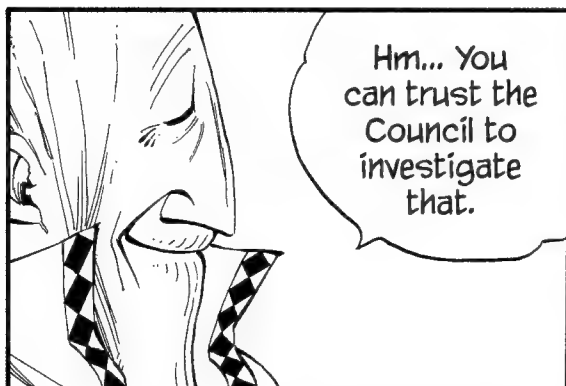


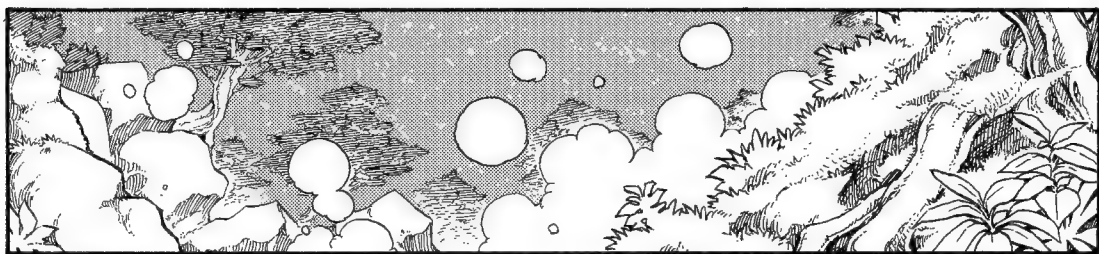
We kicked
their butts
out of there.
Way out!
♡

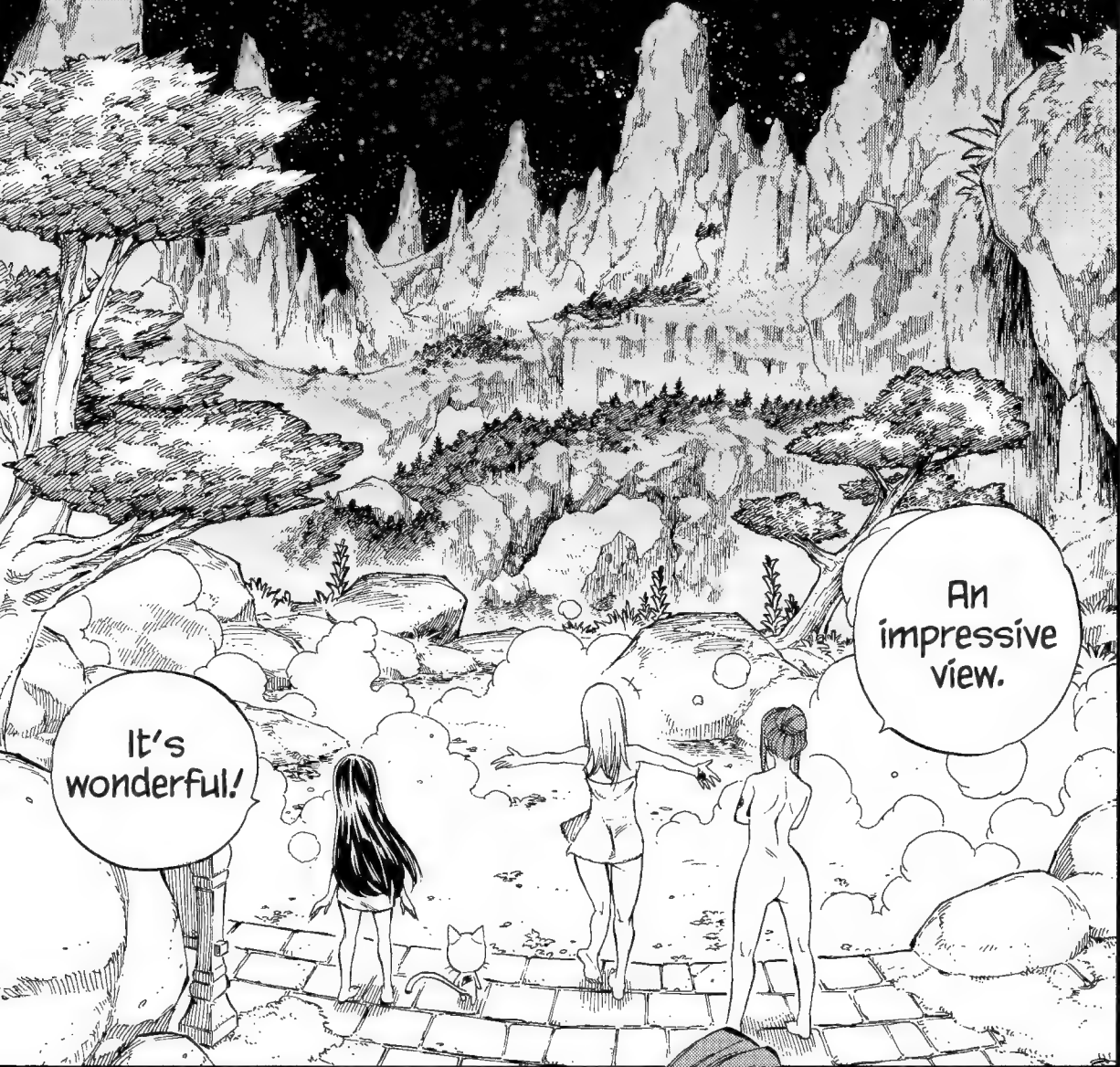
By the
way, what
happened to
the robbers
?

We are very
relieved to have
accomplished the
task you set us,
Warrod-sama.

Aw, it
was easy!







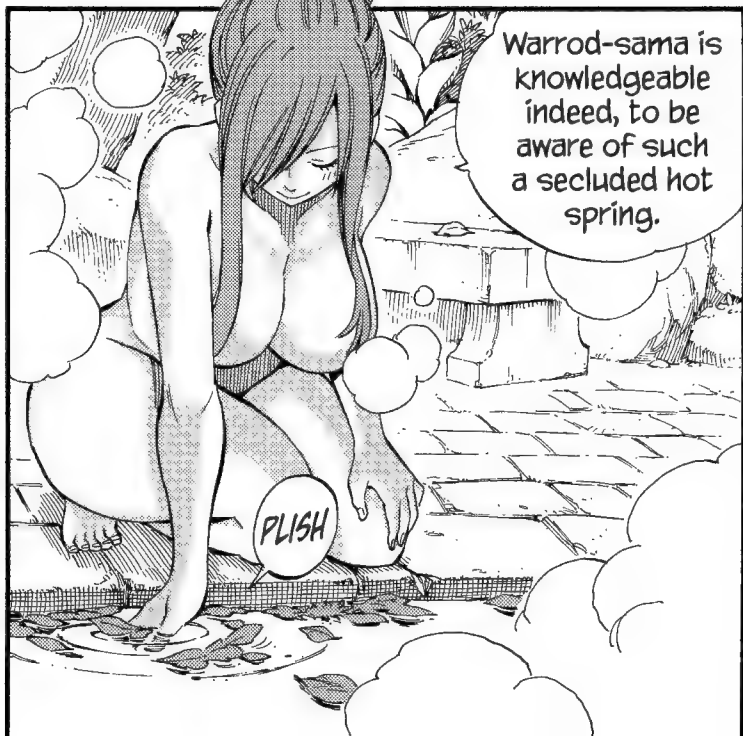
It's wonderful!

An impressive view.



WOW!

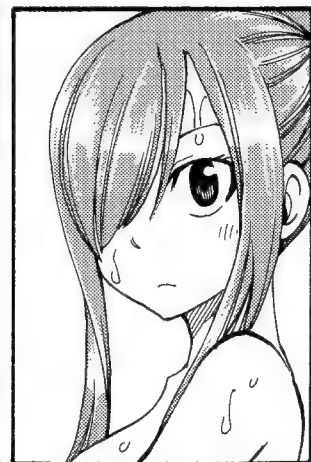
Look, Wendy! It says bathing in the water here will help both your health and beauty!

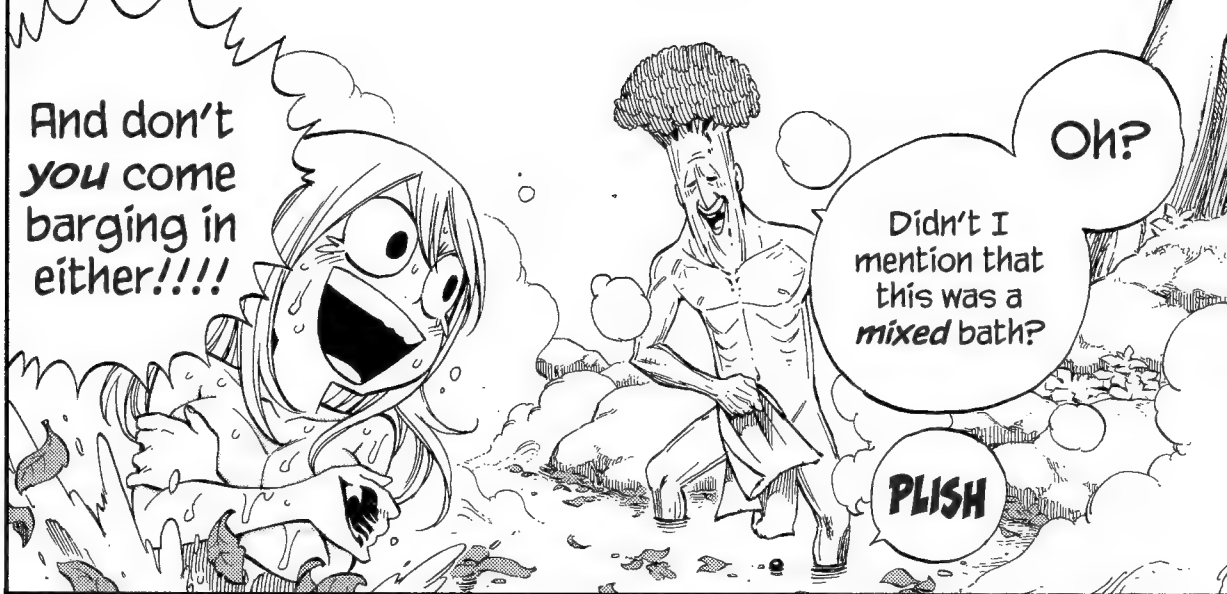


Warrod-sama is knowledgeable indeed, to be aware of such a secluded hot spring.

PLISH







And don't *you* come barging in either!!!!

Oh?

Didn't I mention that this was a *mixed* bath?

PLISH



Whoa! That's low! Do you have a death wish?!

Yeah, it gets stale after a while.

Hey, I've seen you naked enough to be sick of it anyway.

Yes!! This is so embarrassing !!

You boys get out!!!



Mmm...

Urk!

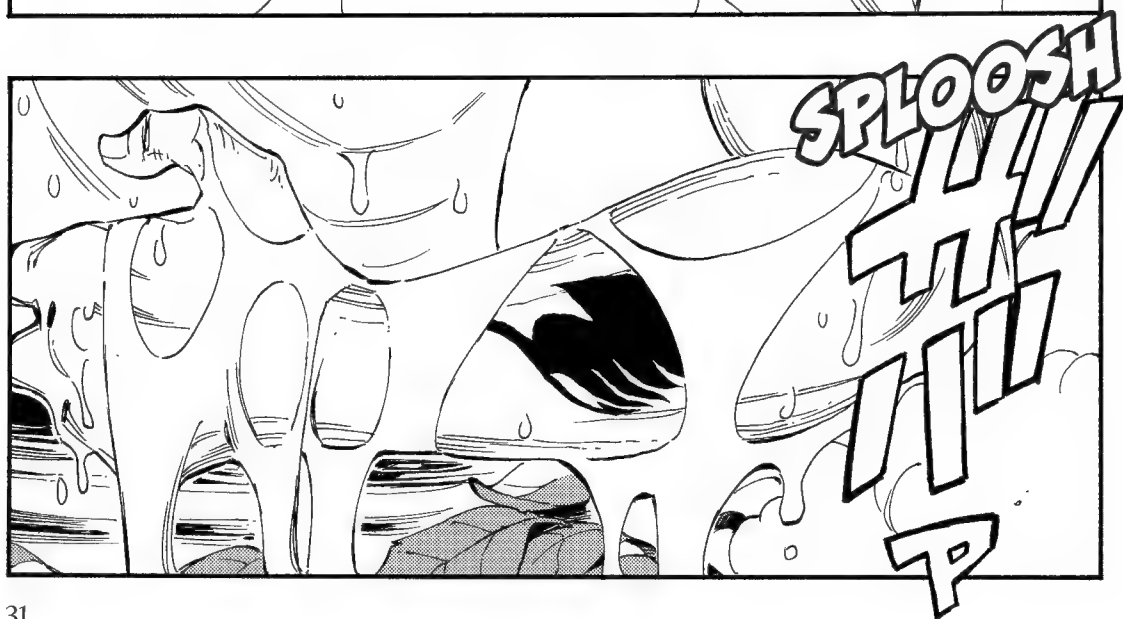
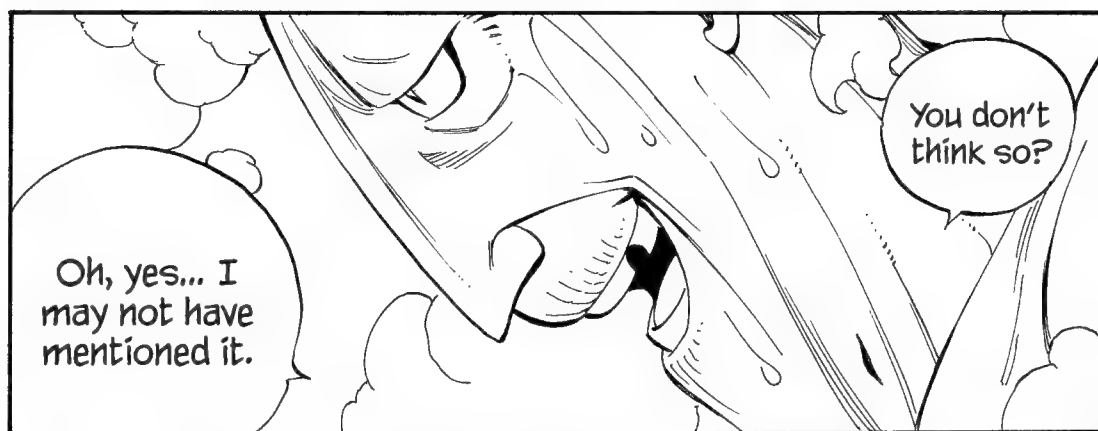
After all, Gray, Natsu, and I used to take baths together all the time.

That's what we're saying is abnormal !!!

No, it isn't!!!

Is it not normal for comrades to be on such terms?

Still, let us all be calm.



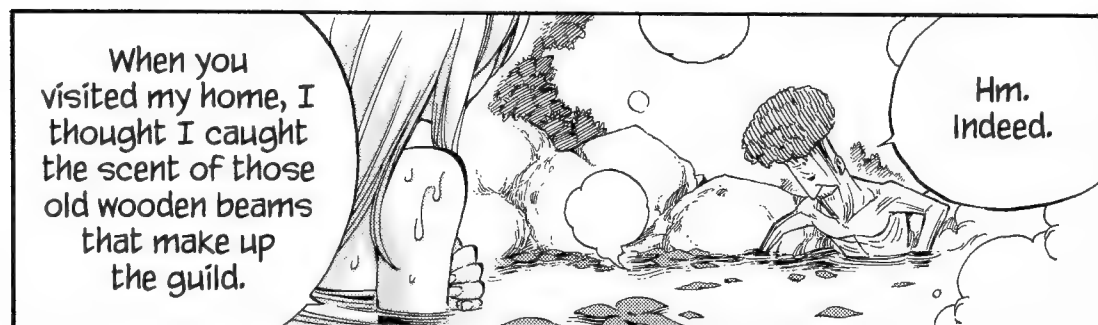
DO!

I was one of the founding members of Fairy Tail. I was there with Mavis when it all began.

I am an elder member of your guild!!!

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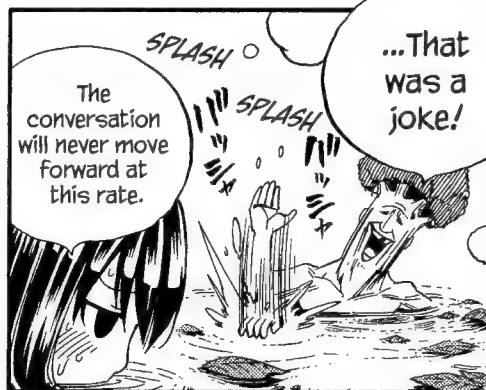






Being able
to meet
you young
fairies...

...is a
real joy!



The
conversation
will never move
forward at
this rate.

SPLASH

SPLASH

...That
was a
joke!



This is the
harmony that
Mavis was
always talking
about.

She wanted
the wizard guild
Fairy Tail to have
a bond between
souls even
stronger than
blood!



No matter
what the
result of
your job...

...I felt it
the very first
moment that
I saw you.

Even now,
after all
these years,
that spirit
endures.

You've
carried it on
within your
hearts.



It's
friendship
of the
heart.

Mavis
once
said...

It's that
person you
trust uncon-
ditionally.

...camarade-
rie isn't just
a word.



*Just as
I'm sure
I will be
relying on
you.*

*You can
rely on
me.*



Now let
us walk
together...
to the
rhythm of
the fairies'
song...

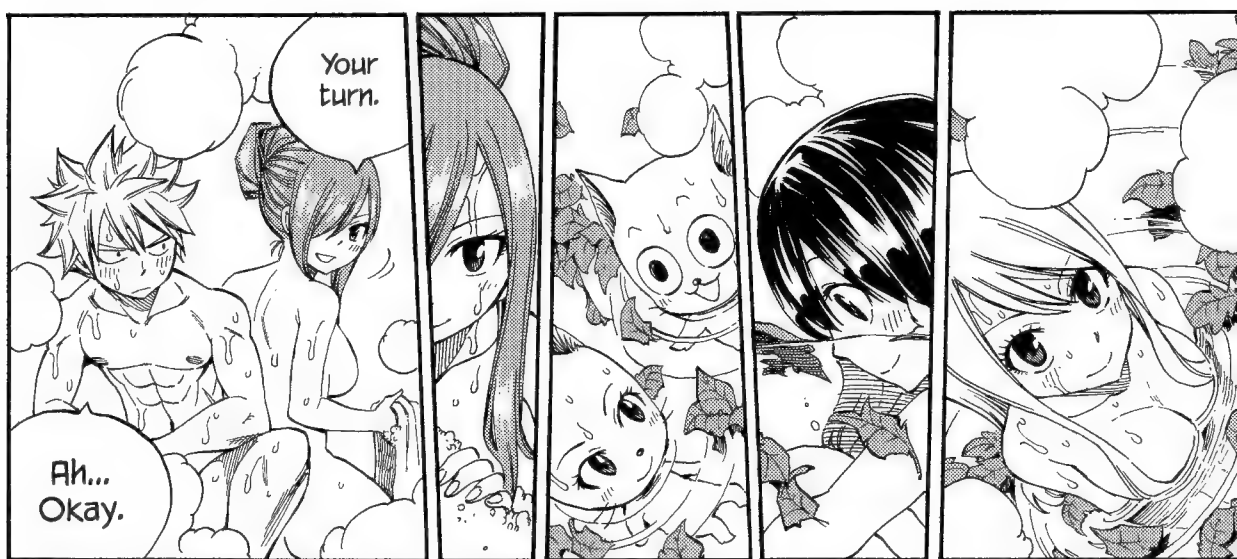
The breeze
on your skin
foretells the
events of
tomorrow.

There are
as many
dreams
out there
as there
are stars
in the sky.

Remember
you aren't
alone!

...I will be
by your
side.

In painful
times...
In sad
times...







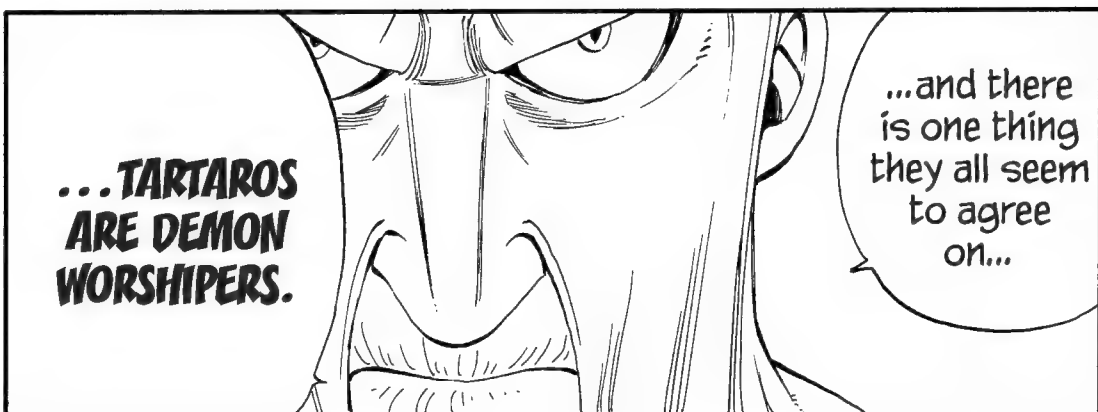
However, when you mentioned Tartaros this afternoon, I remembered something.



However, a number of people have witnessed their meetings...

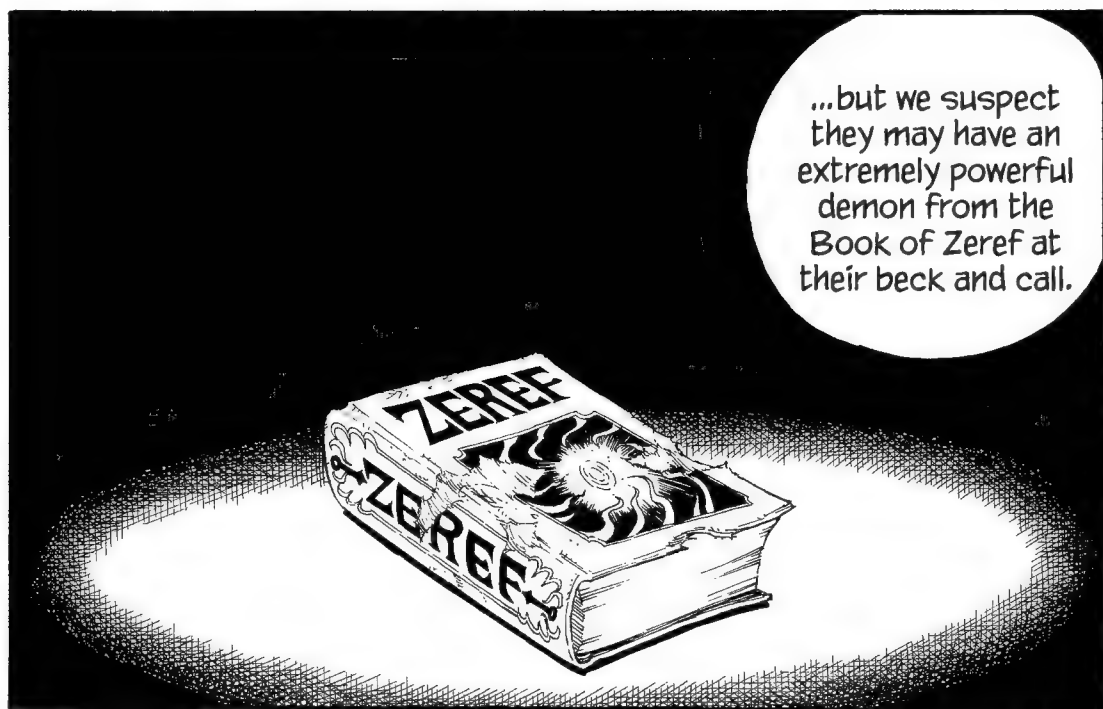
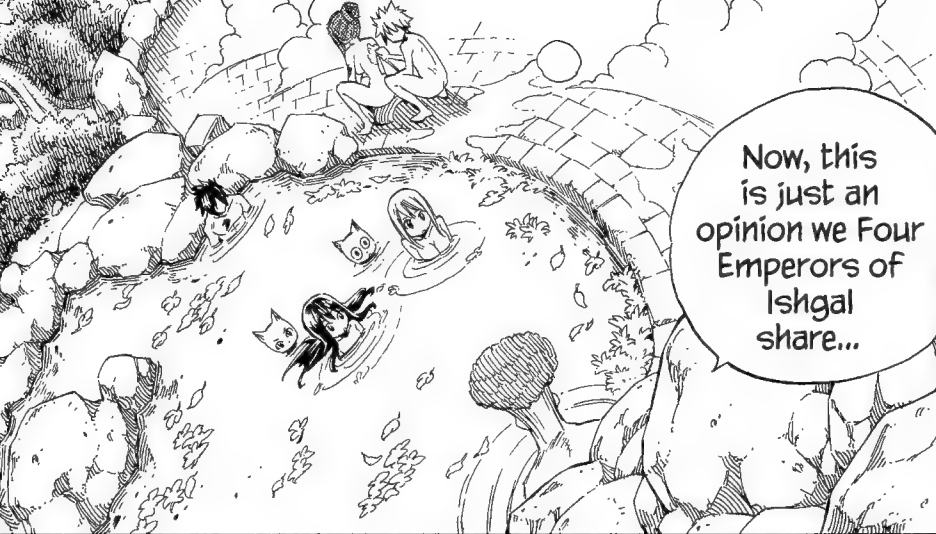
They are a creepy guild, and we know nothing about them...

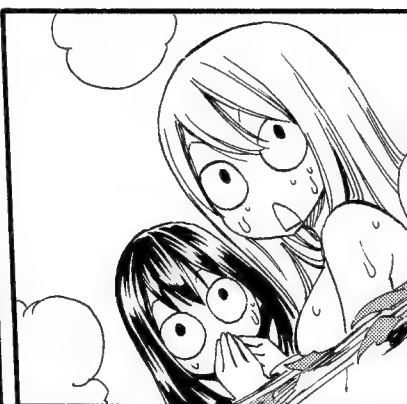
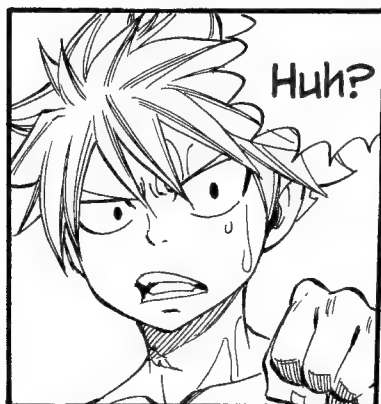
...not the location of their base, the number of their members, or anything else.

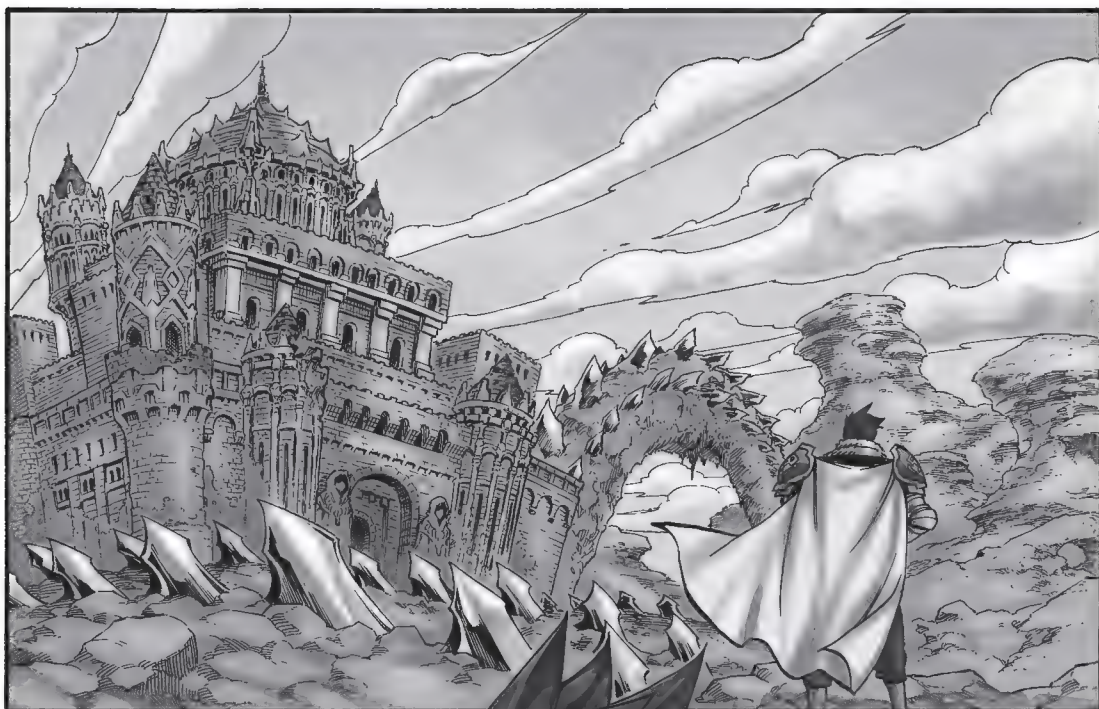


...TARTAROS ARE DEMON WORSHIPERS.

...and there is one thing they all seem to agree on...





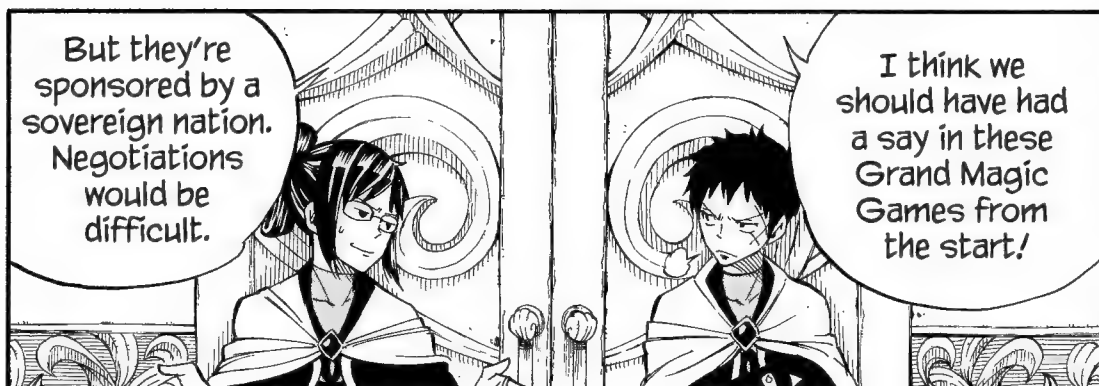
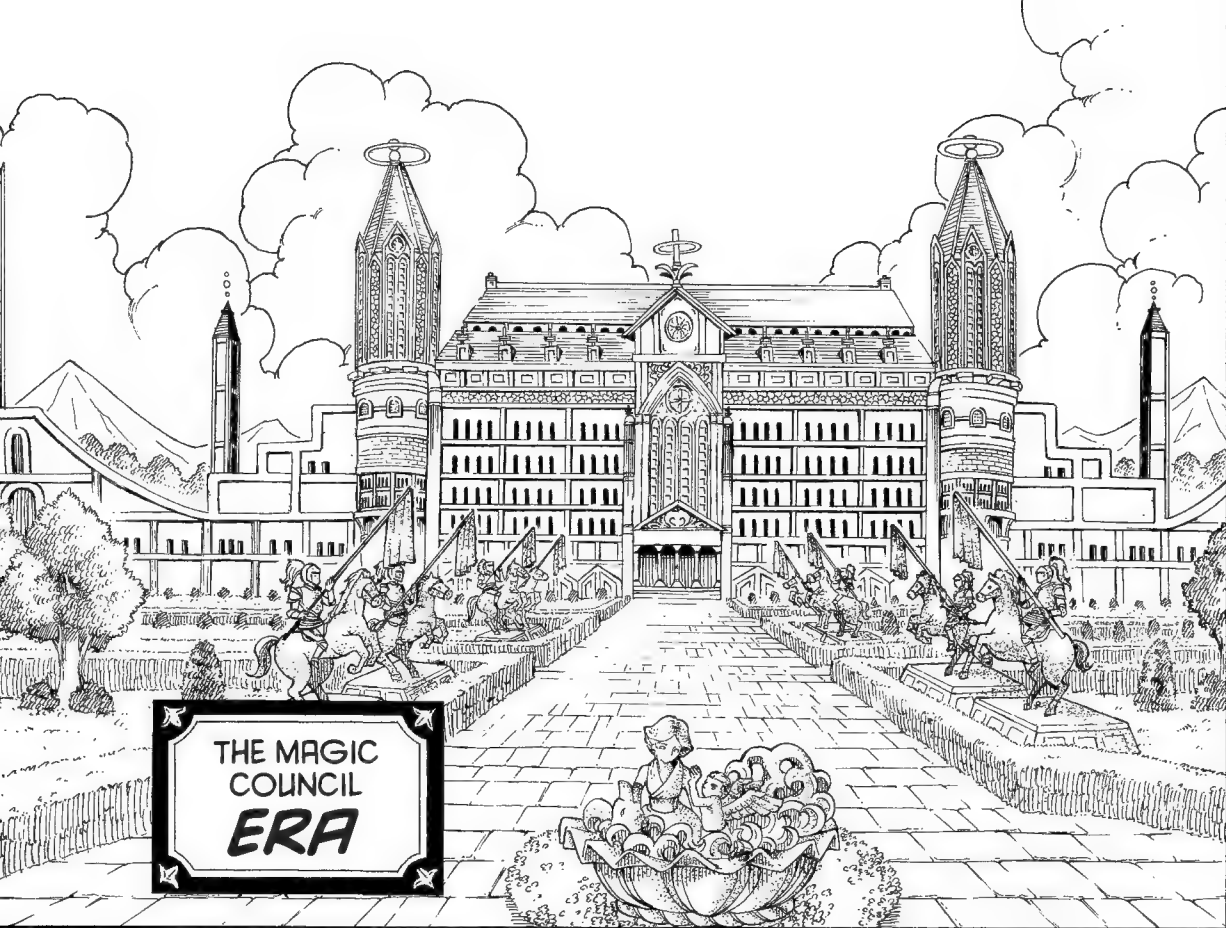


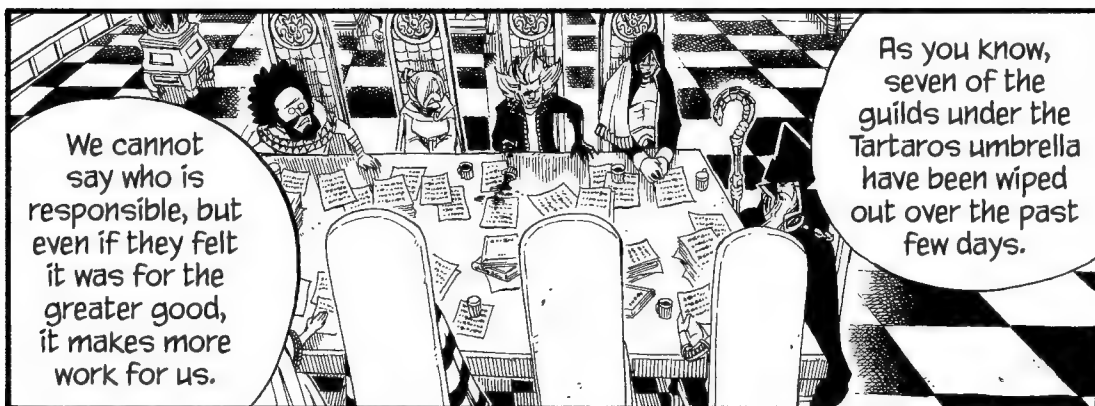
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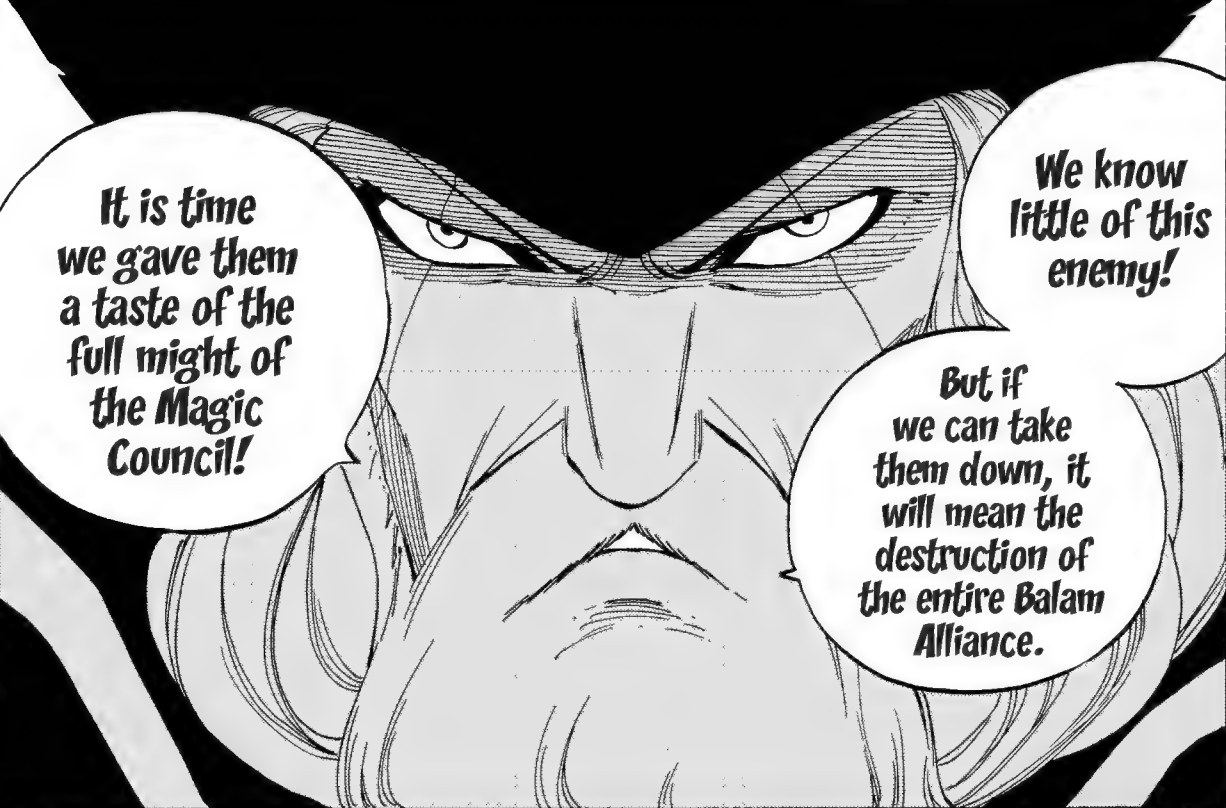


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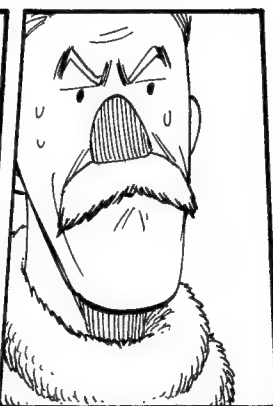
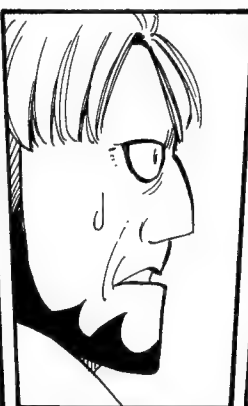




It is time
we gave them
a taste of the
full might of
the Magic
Council!

We know
little of this
enemy!

But if
we can take
them down, it
will mean the
destruction of
the entire Balam
Alliance.



Th—
This is
urgent...

You fool!!
We are in
session!!!



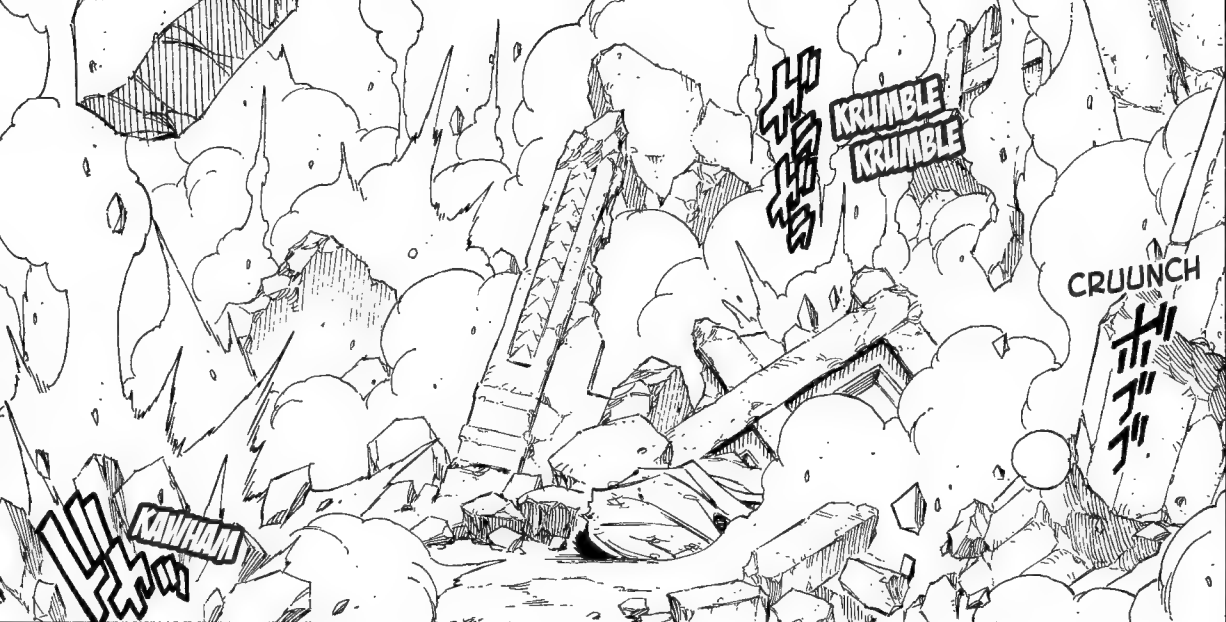
Everyone,
terrible
news!

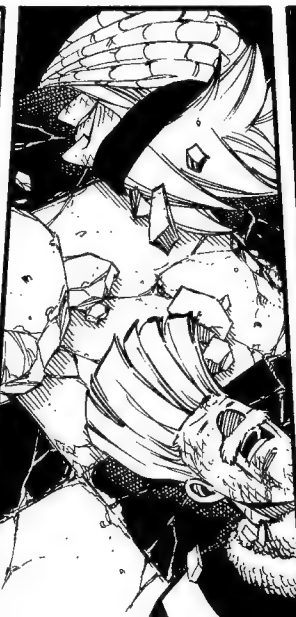
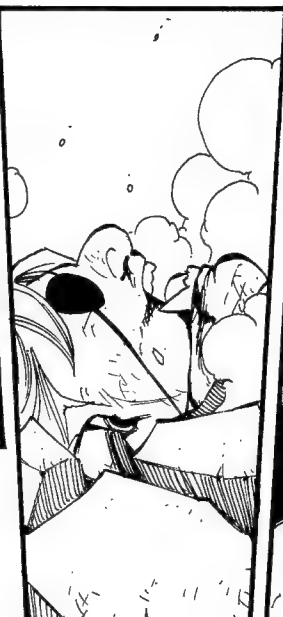
What
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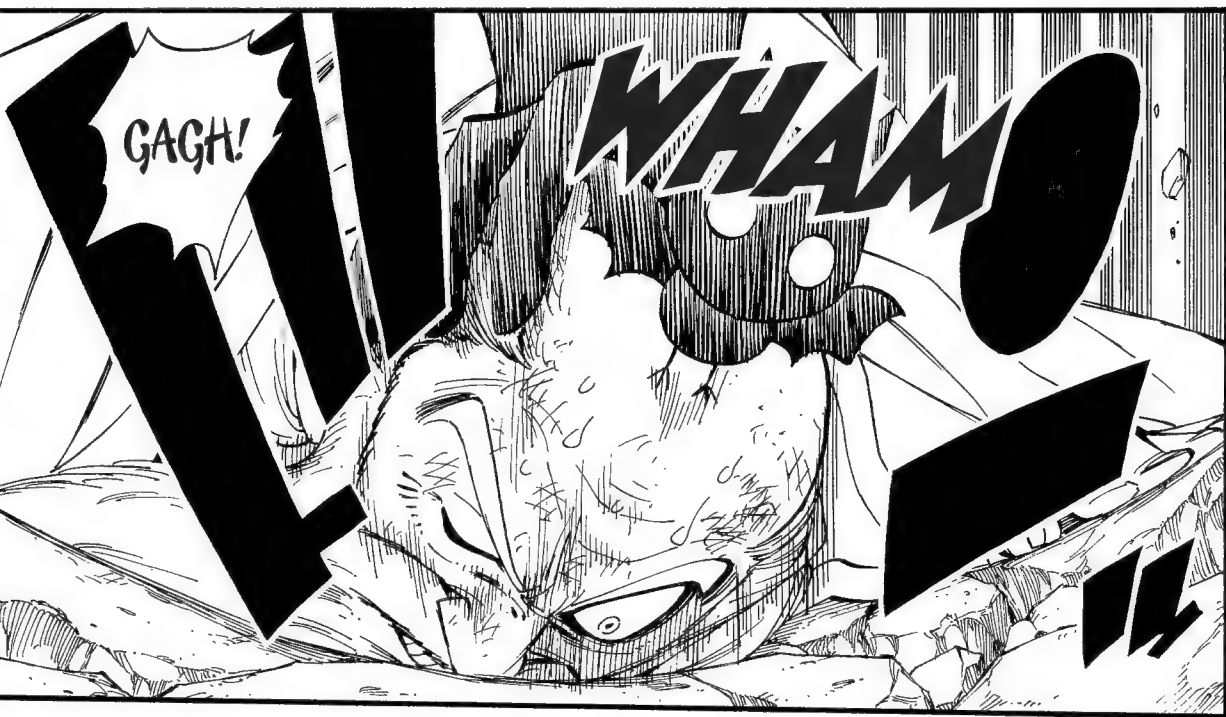



There are
intruders
...







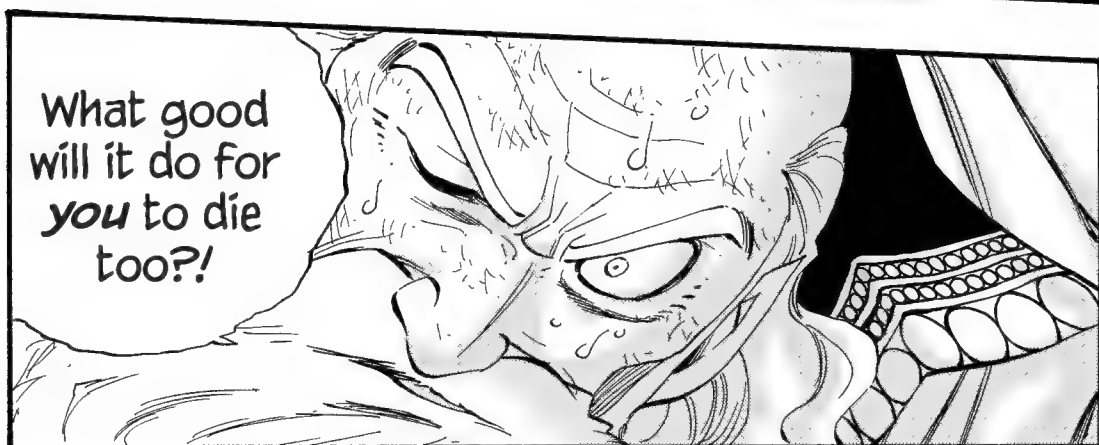
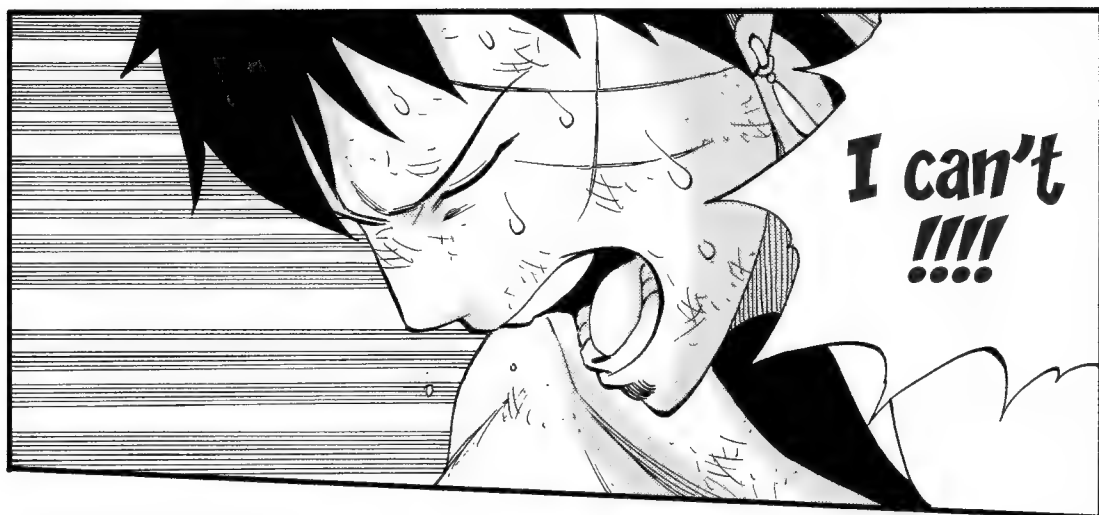




Oh,
no, you
don't!

I can't
leave you
alive!

We're after
all nine
members
of the
council!





Doranbalt,
go!!!!



You can't
outrun my
explosions.



One of the
Nine Demon
Gates of
Tartaros.

I am
Jackal!



The name
of the one
who killed
the entire
Council!

You'll
remember
my name
in Hell!

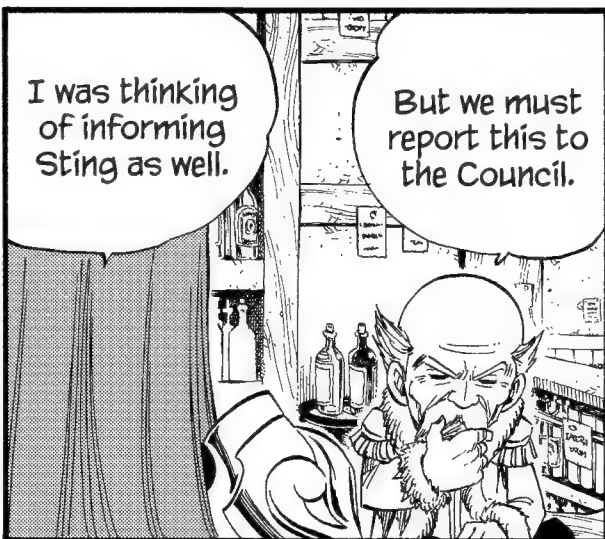


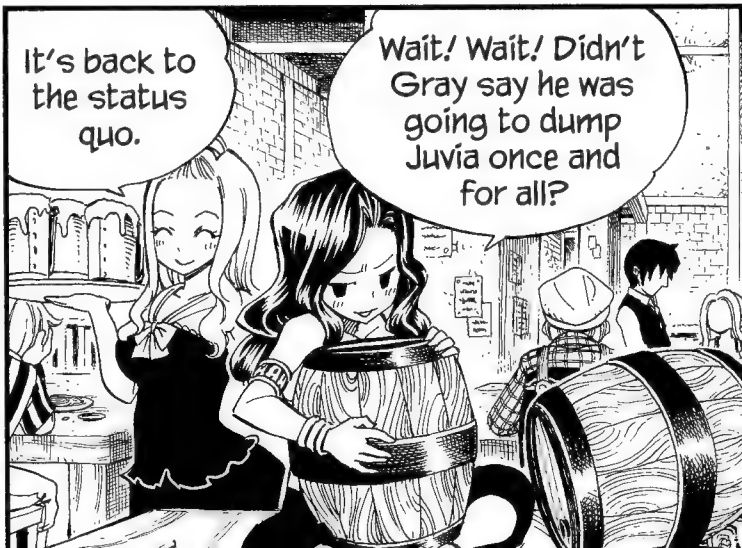
**Live on,
Doranbalt!!!!
See that
justice is
done!!!!**

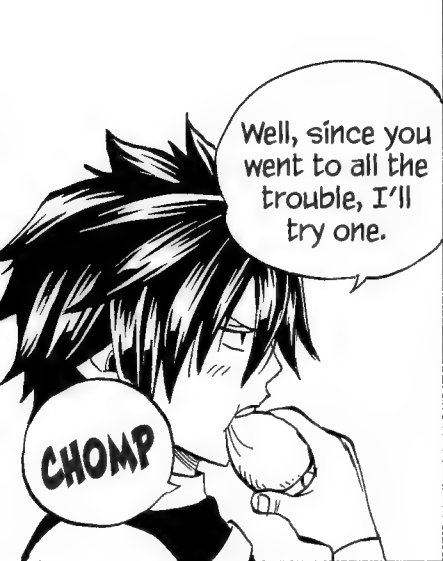


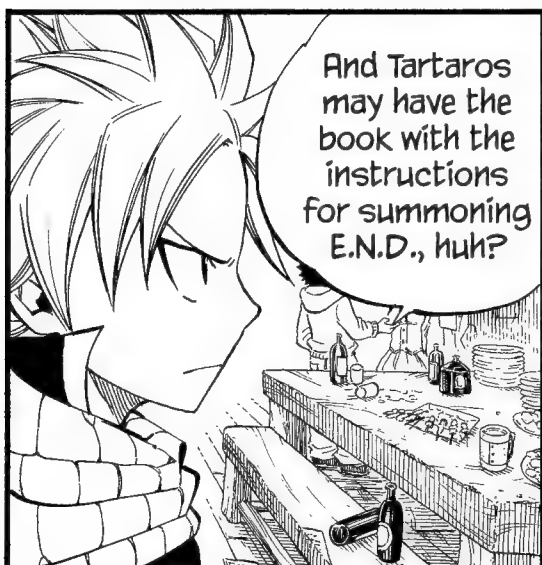
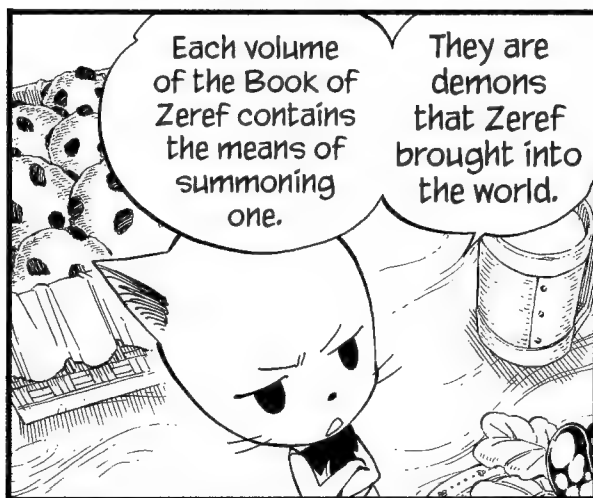
**Elder
Org!!!!**

KABOOOM

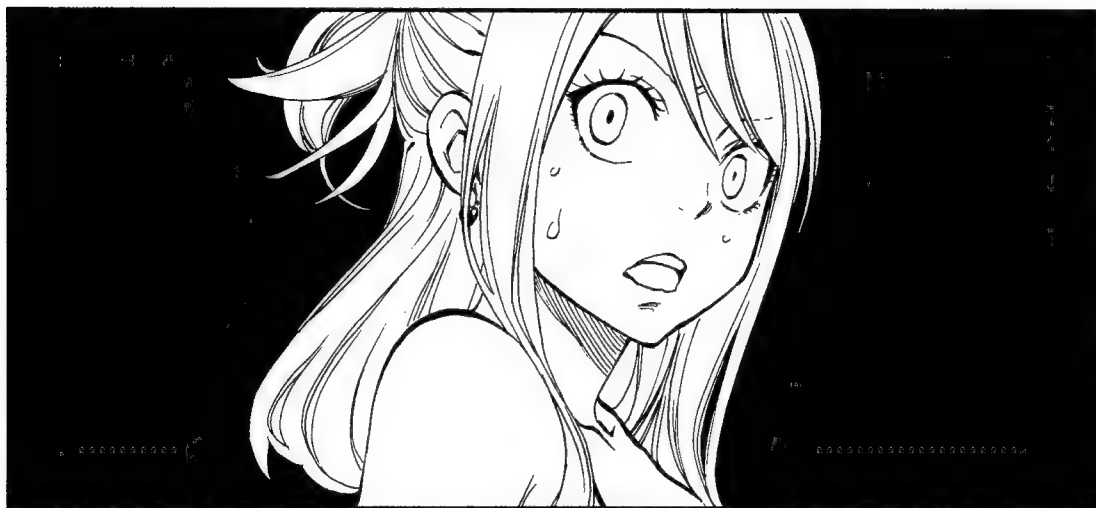
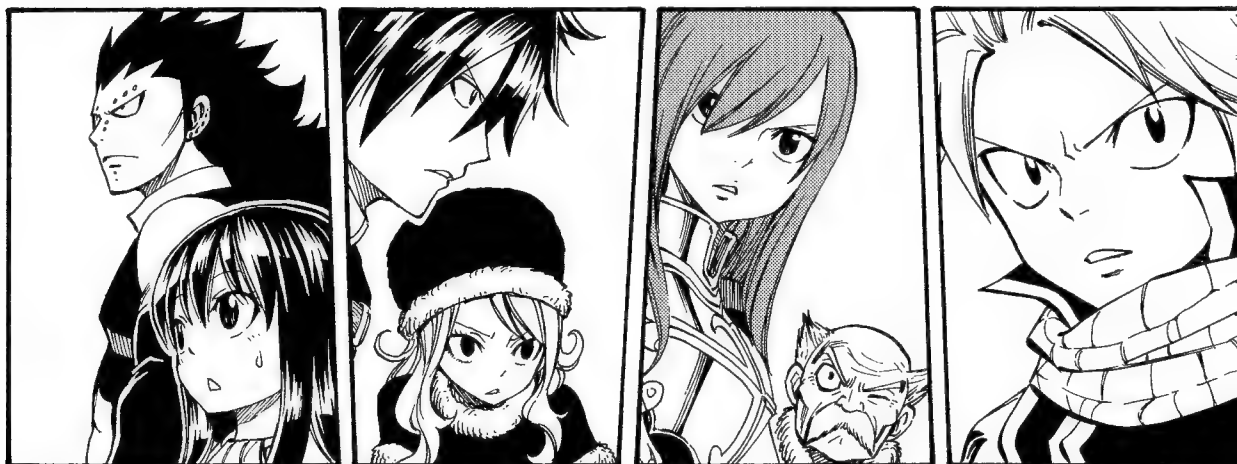


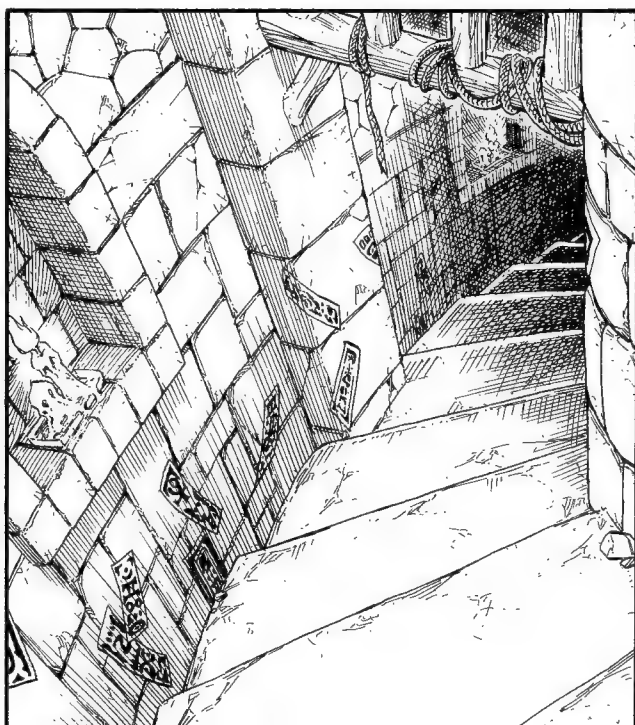
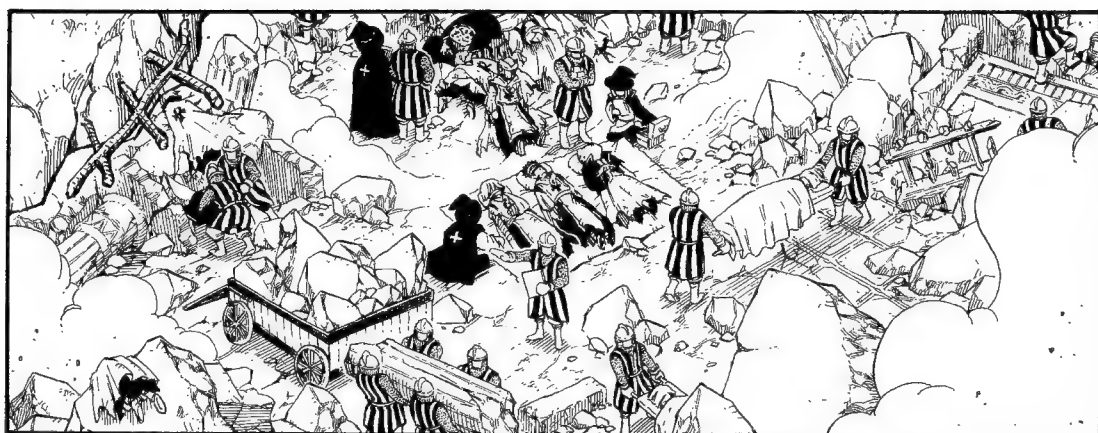




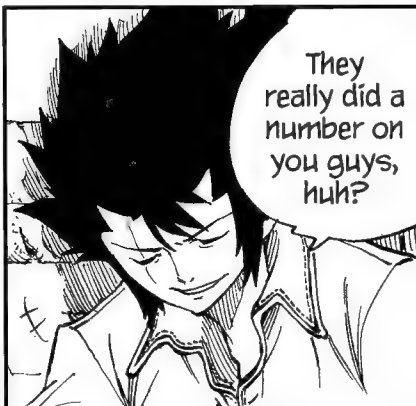
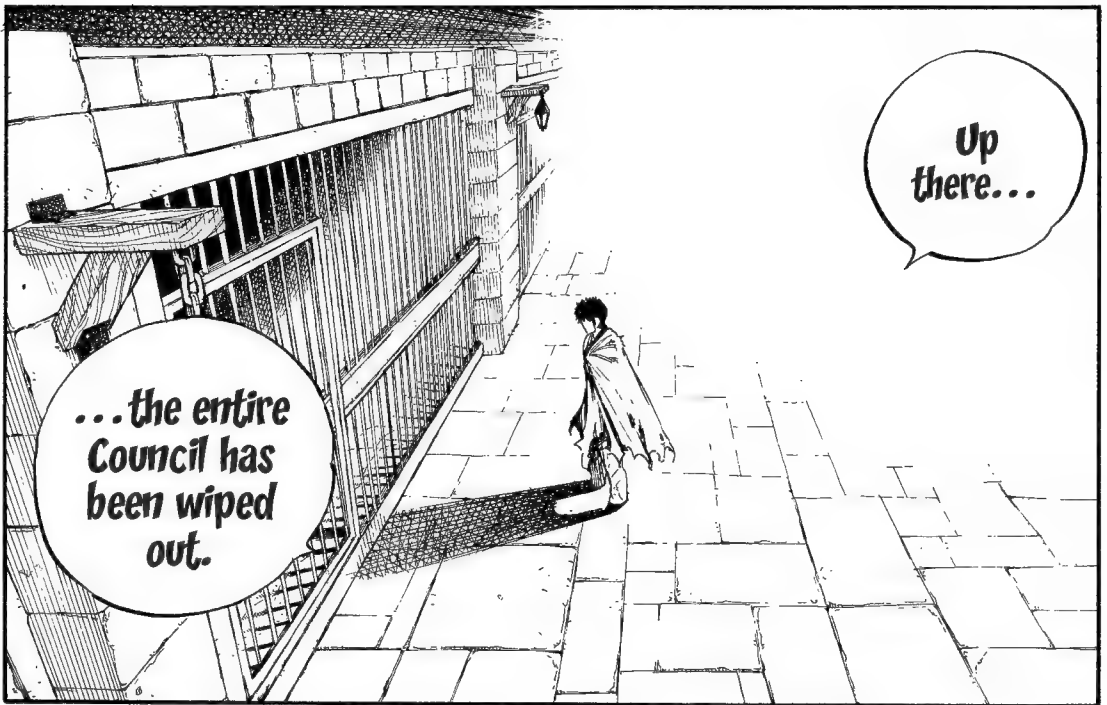




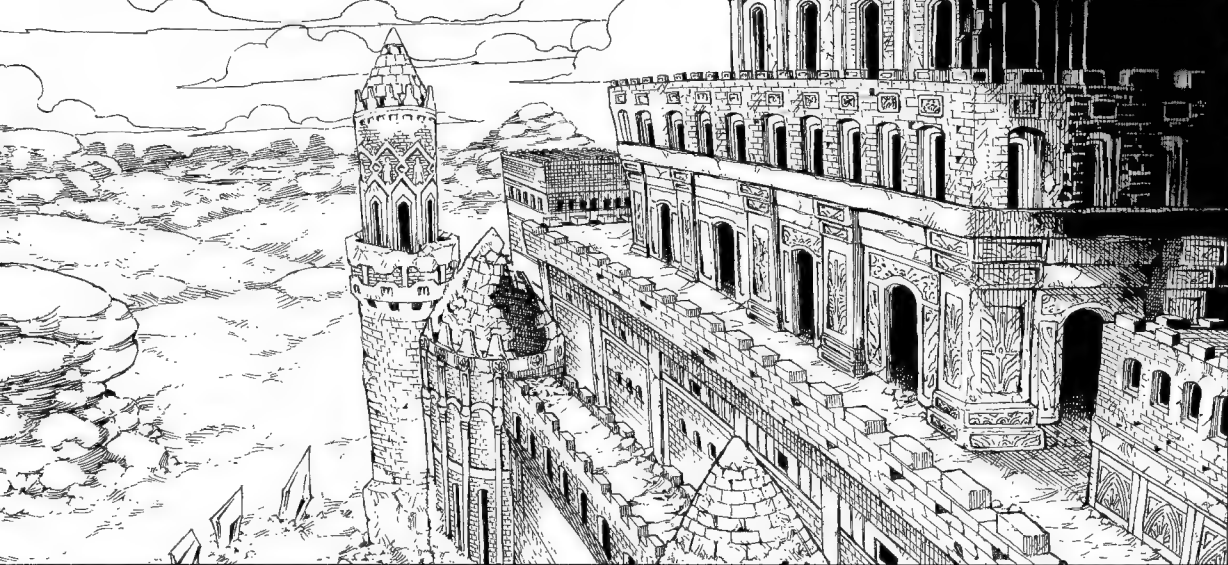














Very well!
We will show
the humans the
power of the
Underworld!


The hell of
the Nine Demon
Gates of
Tartaros!



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Chapter 357: The Nine Demon Gates



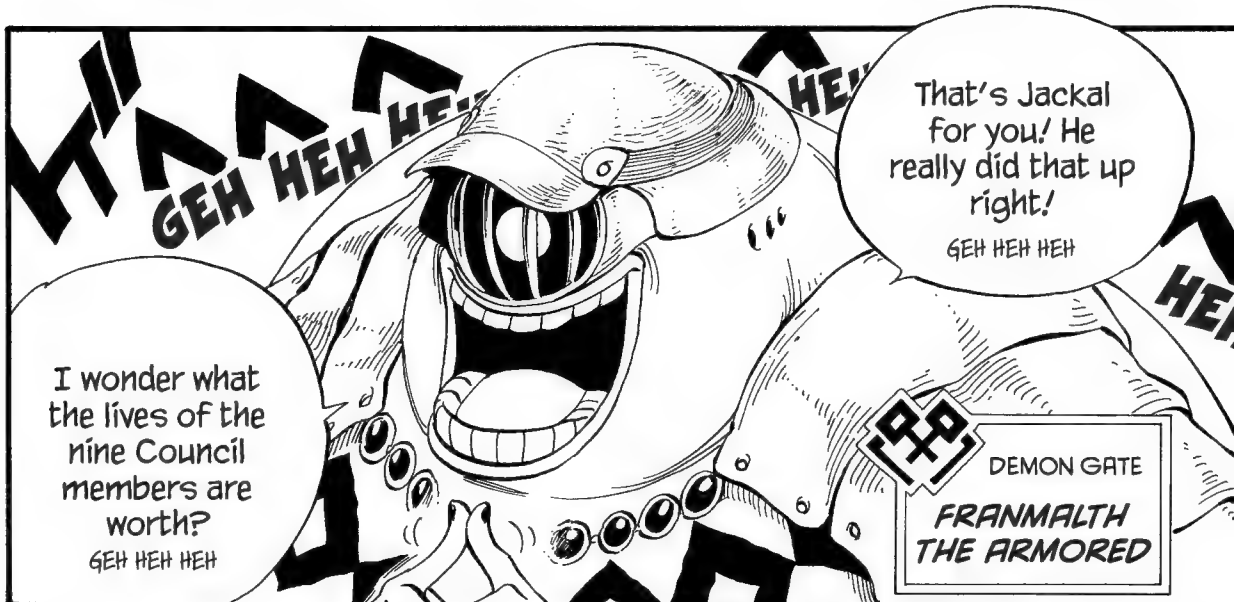
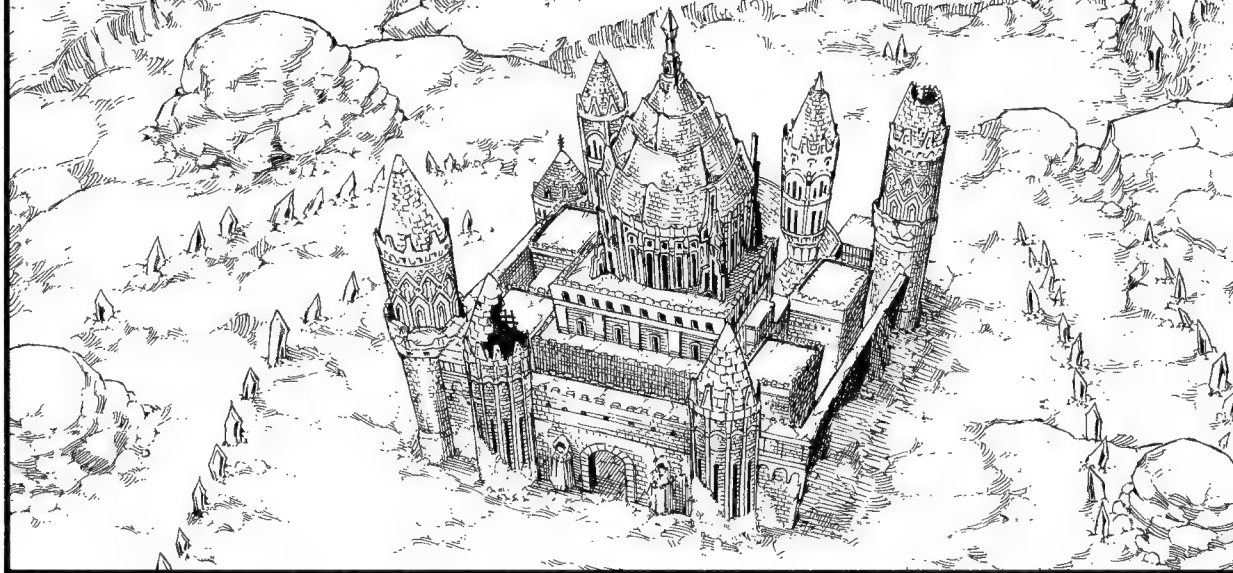
LAMIA SCALE	
Name: Sherry Blendy	Age: 24
Magic: Doll Attack	
Likes: Love	Dislikes: Water
	

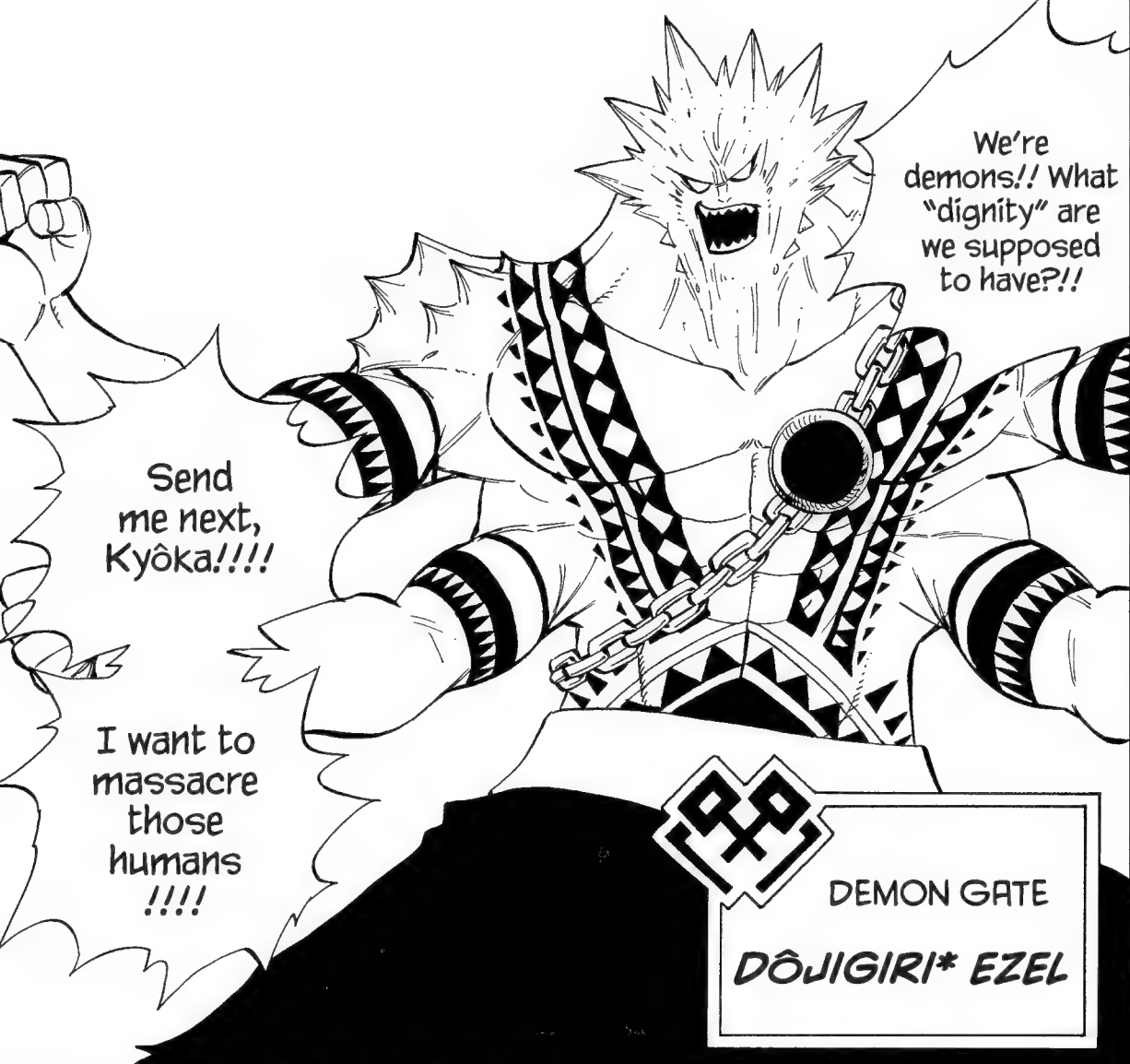
Remarks

Seven years ago, she fought Lucy on Galuna Island, and was reinstated into Lamia Scale afterward. She met the Blue Pegasus member Ren when fighting for the allied guilds against the Oración Seis, and the two started dating. Now they are engaged.

During the Grand Magic Games, she was secretly rooting more for Ren than for her own guild, but when her guild master (Ooba Babasaama) found out, she hit Sherry with her twirl-twirl magic.

She wants to teach her cousin Sherria what true "love" is.





We're
demons!! What
"dignity" are
we supposed
to have?!!

Send
me next,
Kyôka!!!!

I want to
massacre
those
humans
!!!!



DEMON GATE

DÔJIGIRI* EZEL

*Dôjigiri, the greatest and sharpest sword of the Heian Era.

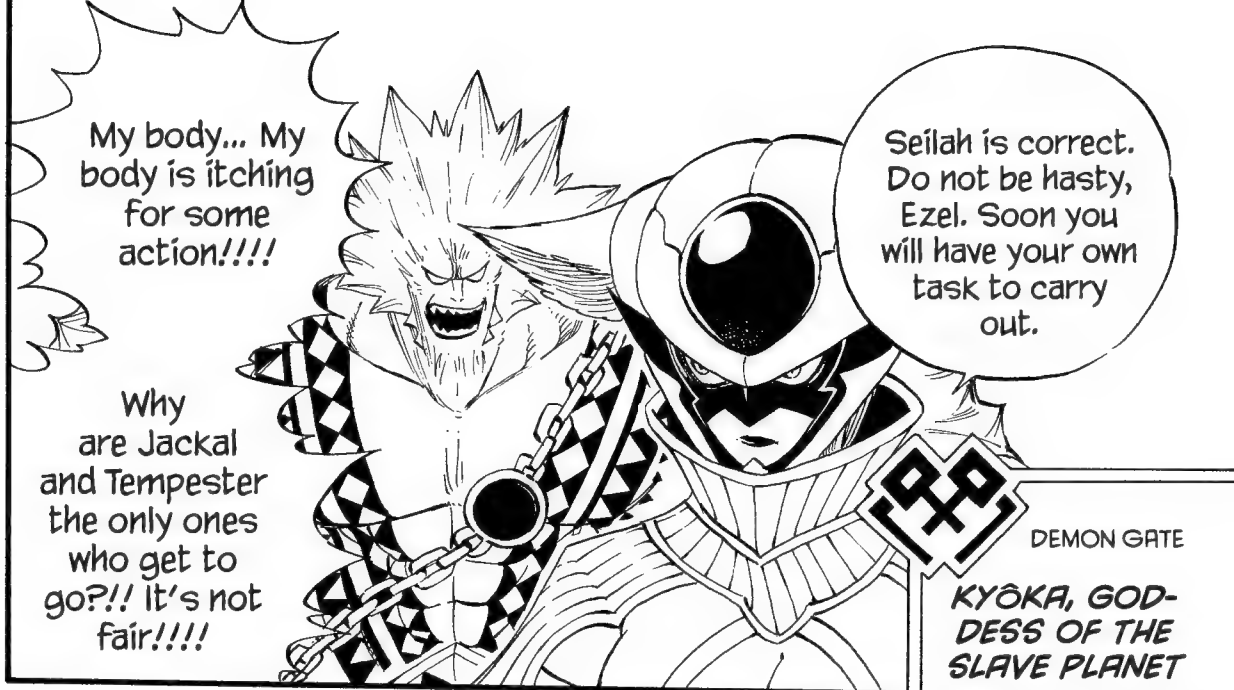
This is only the
prologue... No,
not even that. The
foreword to this
story.

My dear Ezel,
there is an
order to every
story.



DEMON GATE

**SEILAH,
GODDESS OF
THE CHILL MOON**



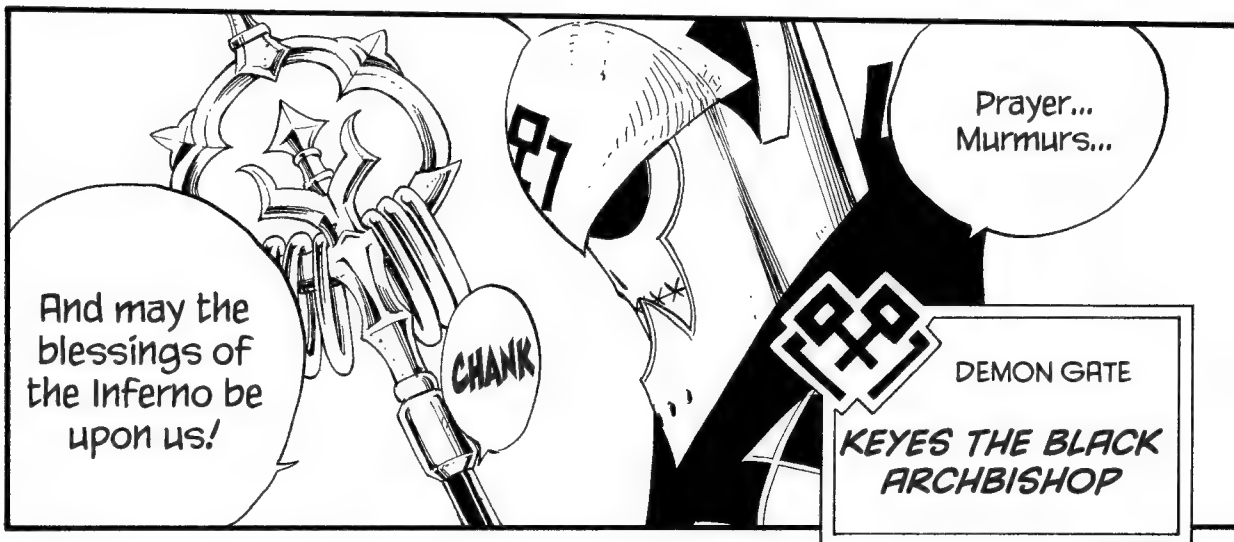
My body... My
body is itching
for some
action!!!!

Why
are Jackal
and Tempester
the only ones
who get to
go?! It's not
fair!!!!

Seilah is correct.
Do not be hasty,
Ezel. Soon you
will have your own
task to carry
out.

DEMON GATE

**KYÖKA, GOD-
DESS OF THE
SLAVE PLANET**



And may the
blessings of
the Inferno be
upon us!

CHANK

Prayer...
Murmurs...

DEMON GATE

**KEYES THE BLACK
ARCHBISHOP**



DEMON GATE

**SILVER OF
ABSOLUTE ZERO**

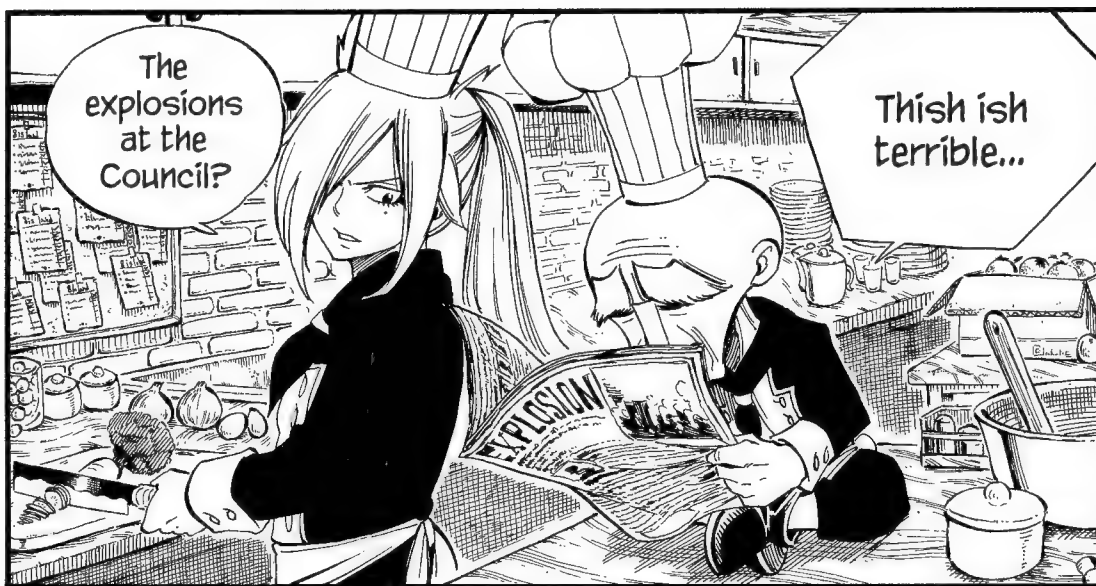
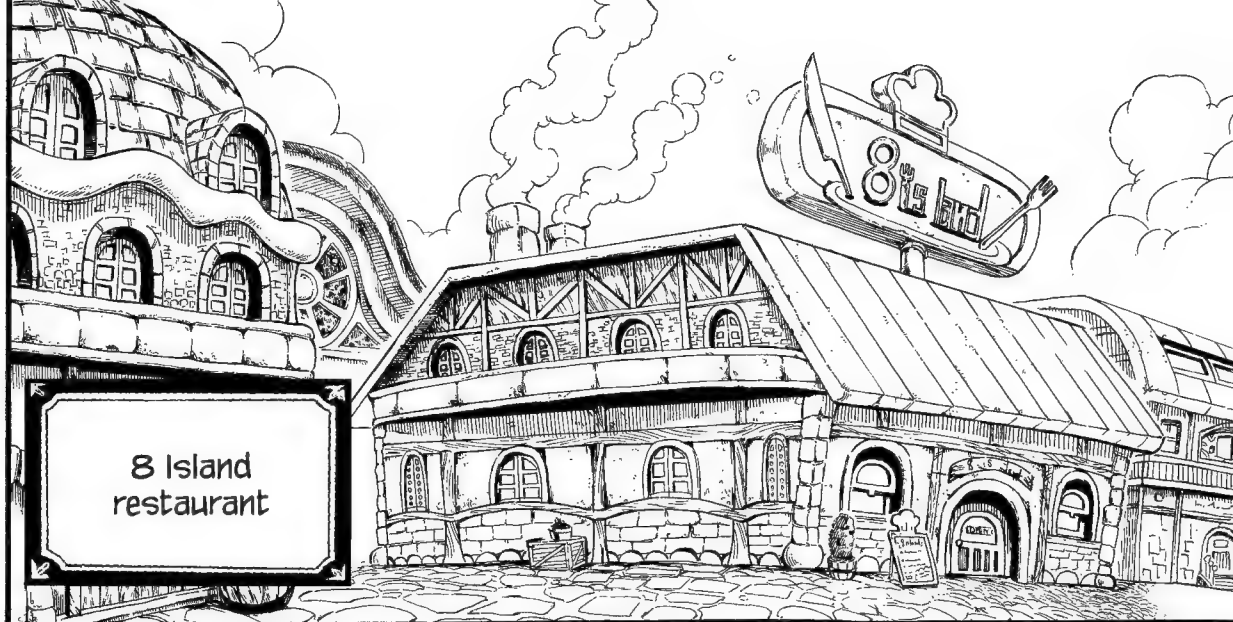


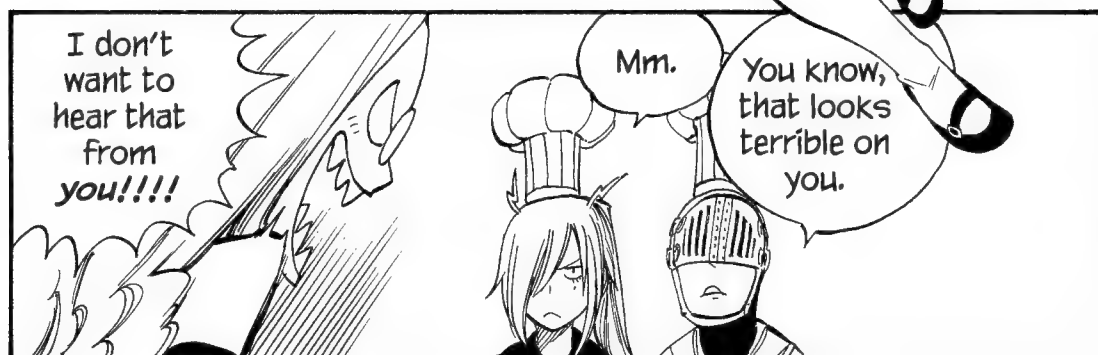
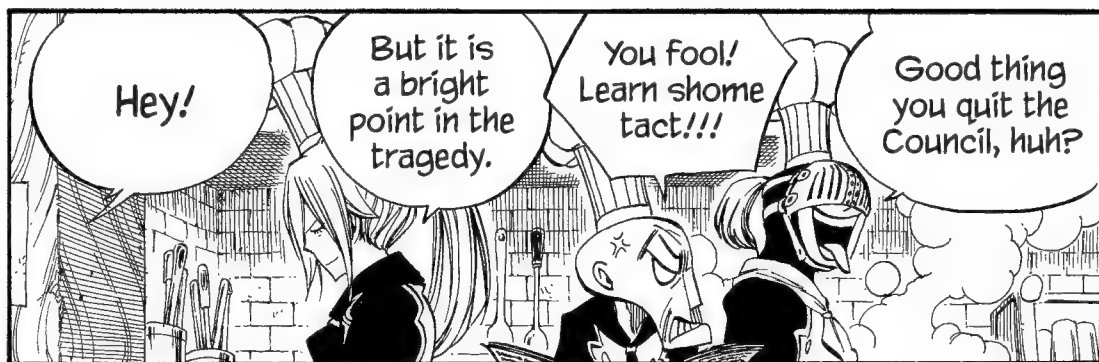
This
is only the
beginning of
the hell we shall
unleash.

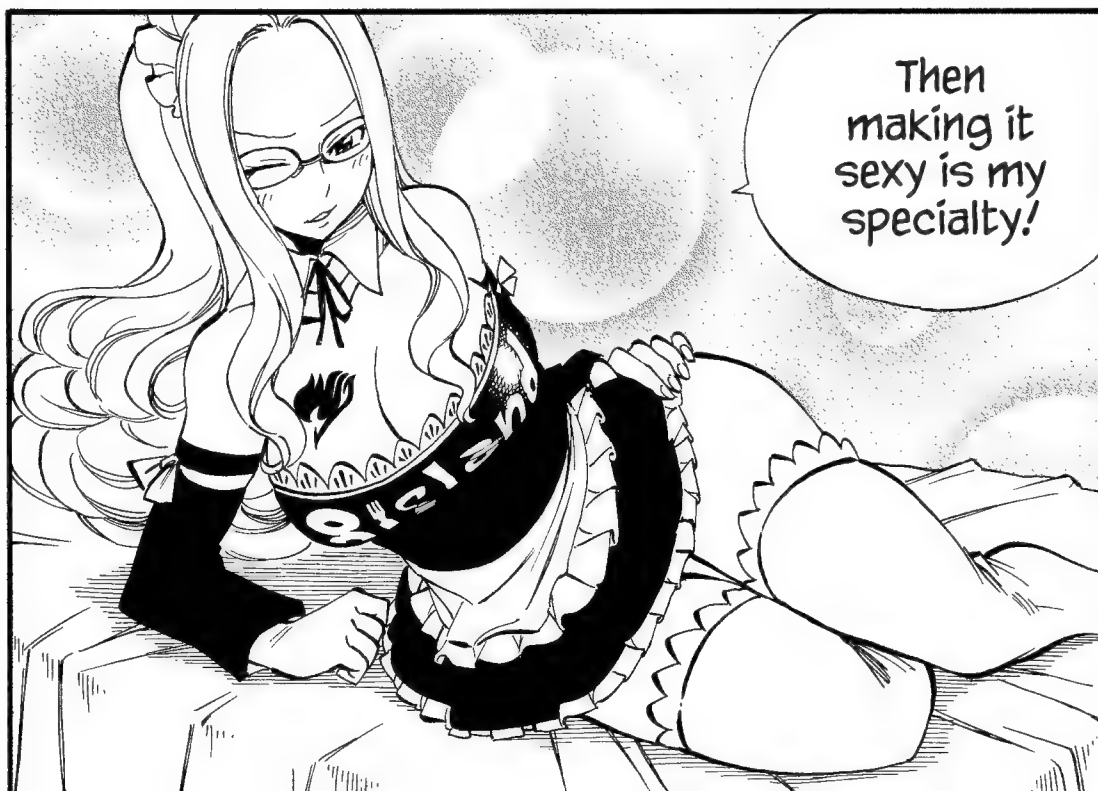
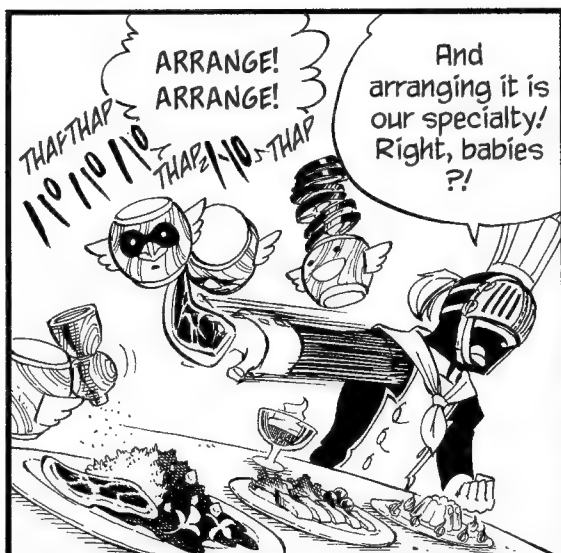
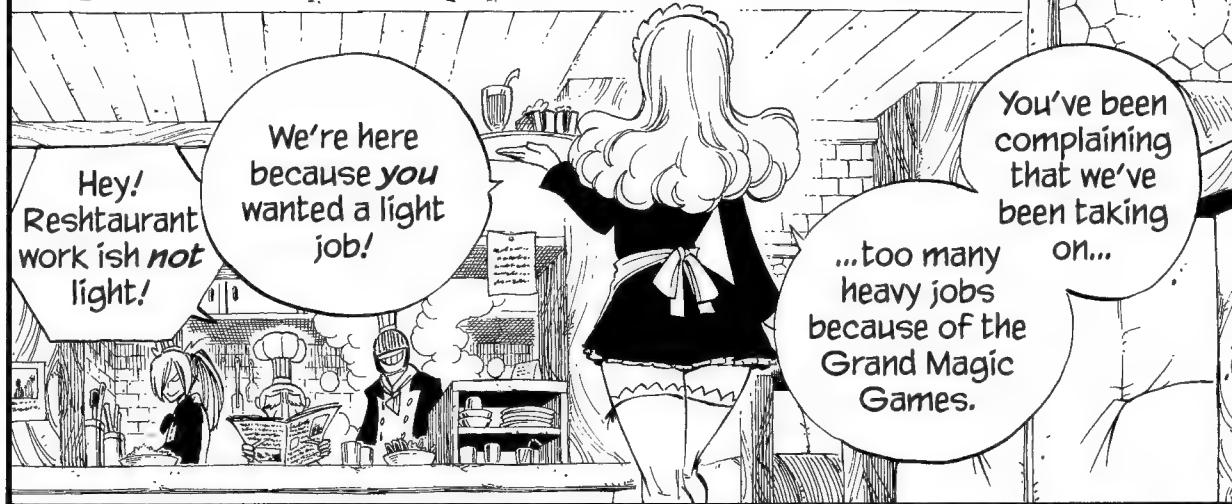


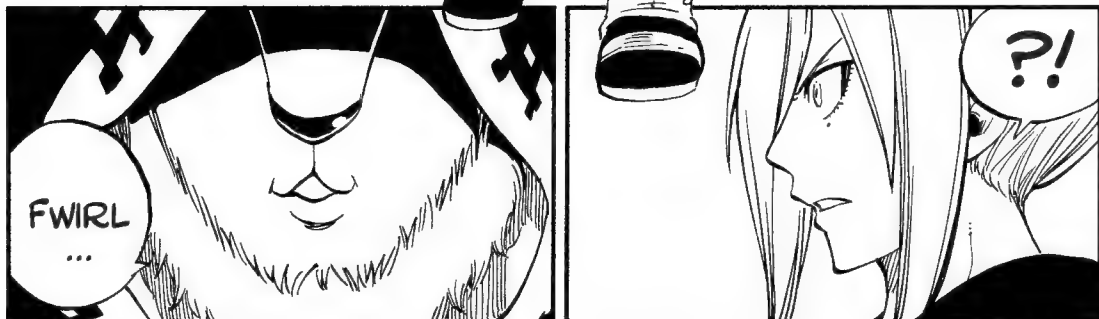
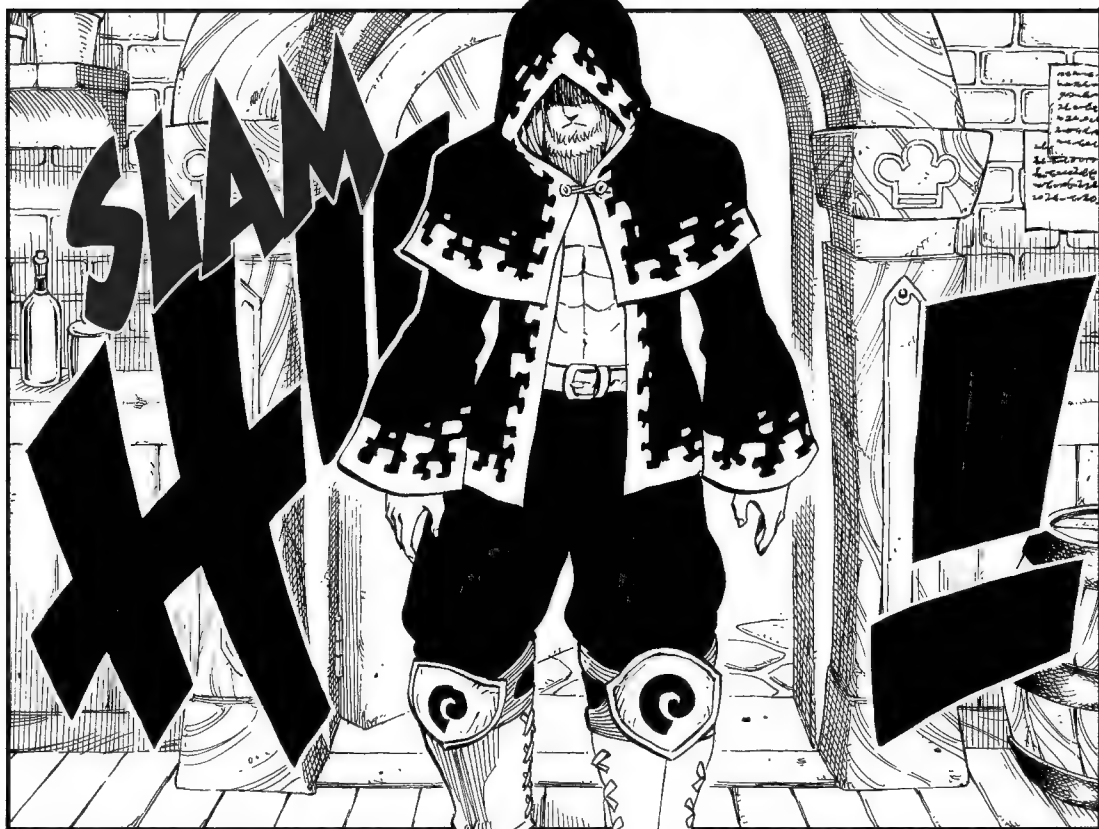
**This is all
for our
master,
Zeref!**

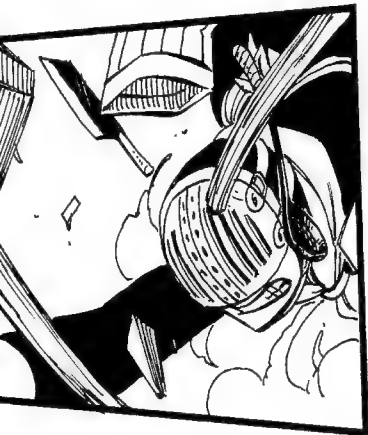
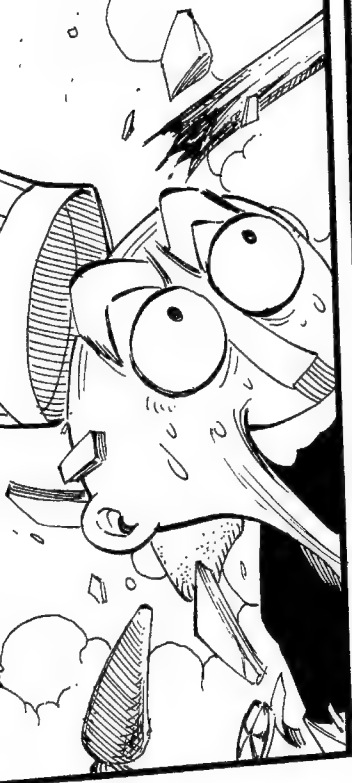
**We
demons will
bring down a
crushing blow
on humanity
!!!**





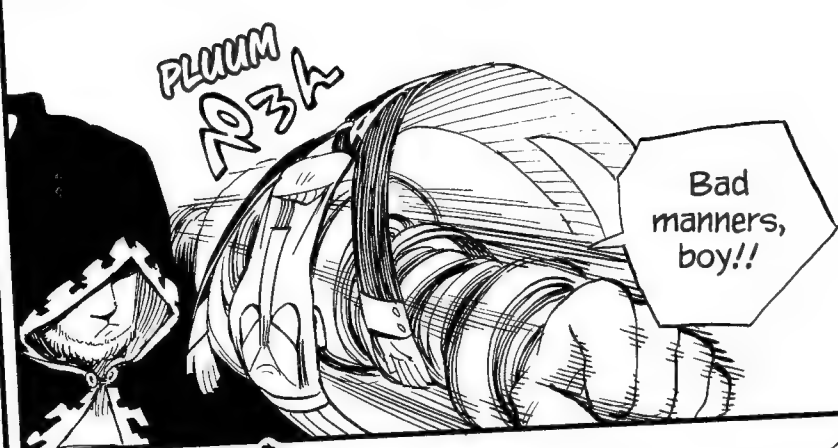




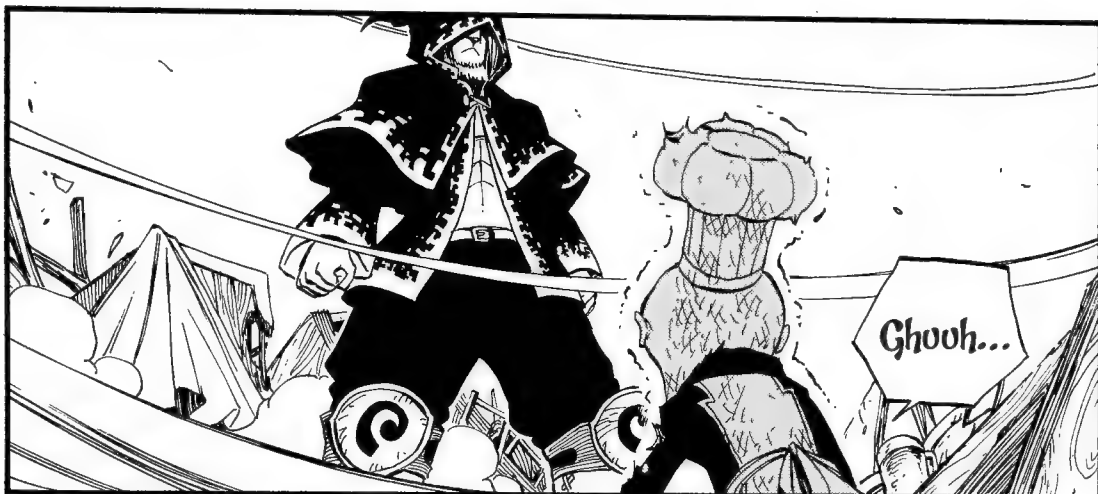


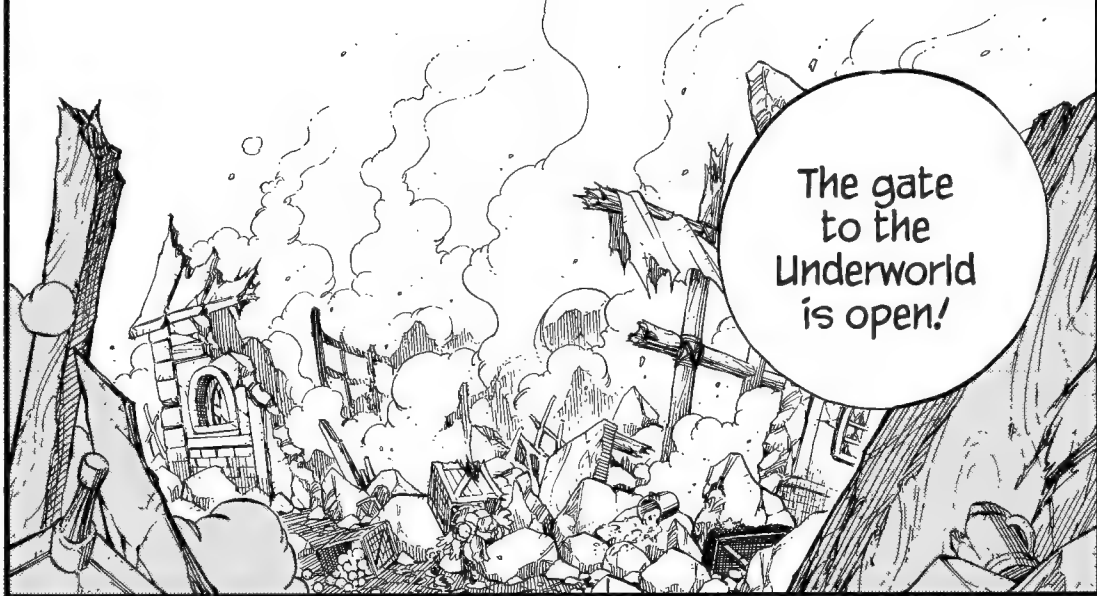




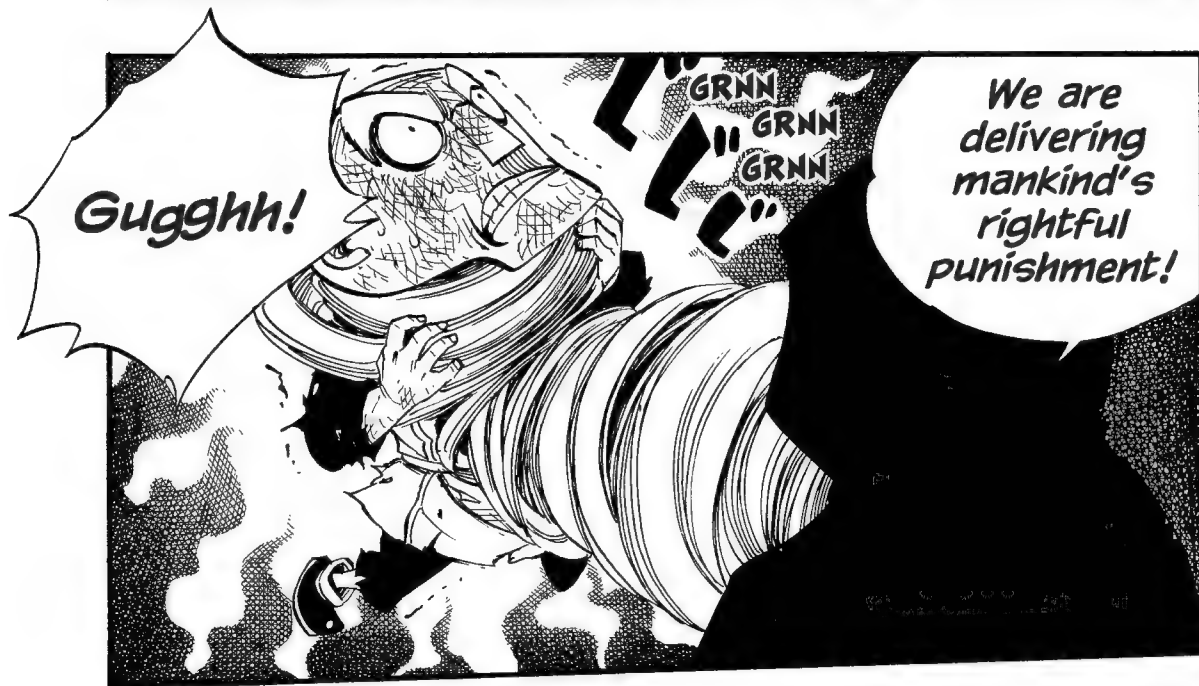








The gate
to the
Underworld
is open!



Guggghh!

We are
delivering
mankind's
rightful
punishment!

GRNN
GRNN
GRNN



Then this
creep is...



The gate
to the
Under-
world...

Tartaros
?!!



Yajima-
san!!!



**You're not just
targeting the Council,
you're taking out
everyone who was
ever a Council
member?!!**



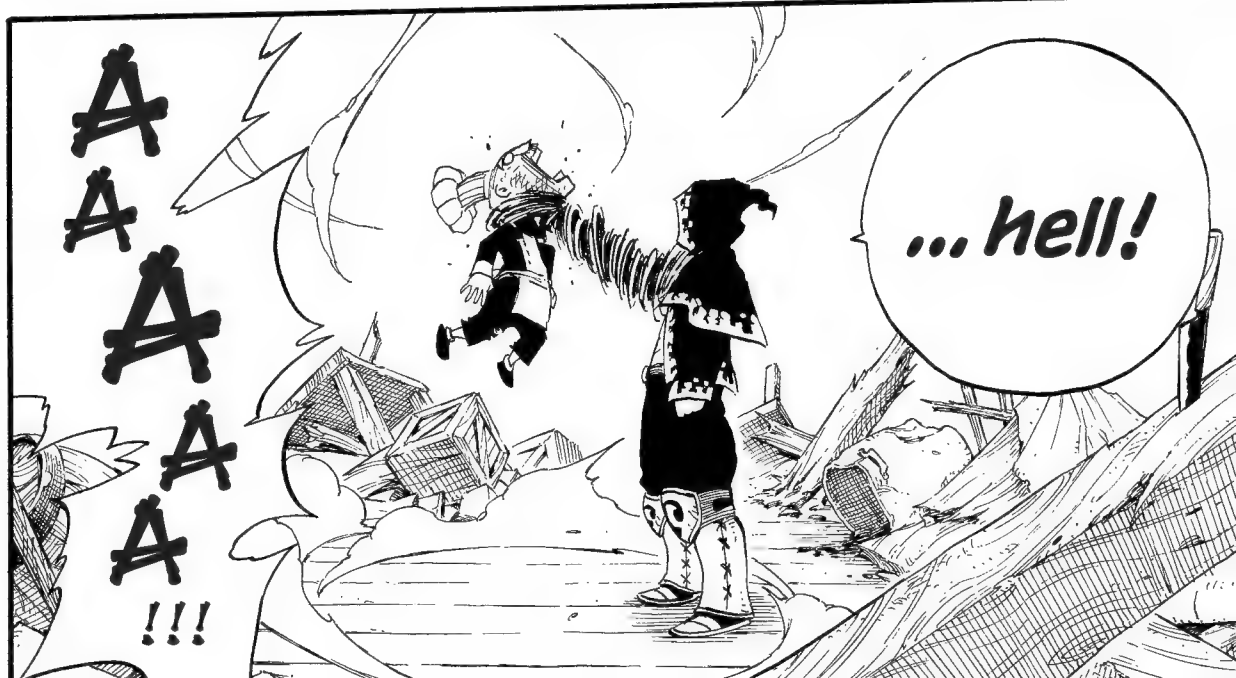
**Nooo
!!!!**



Fall
to...

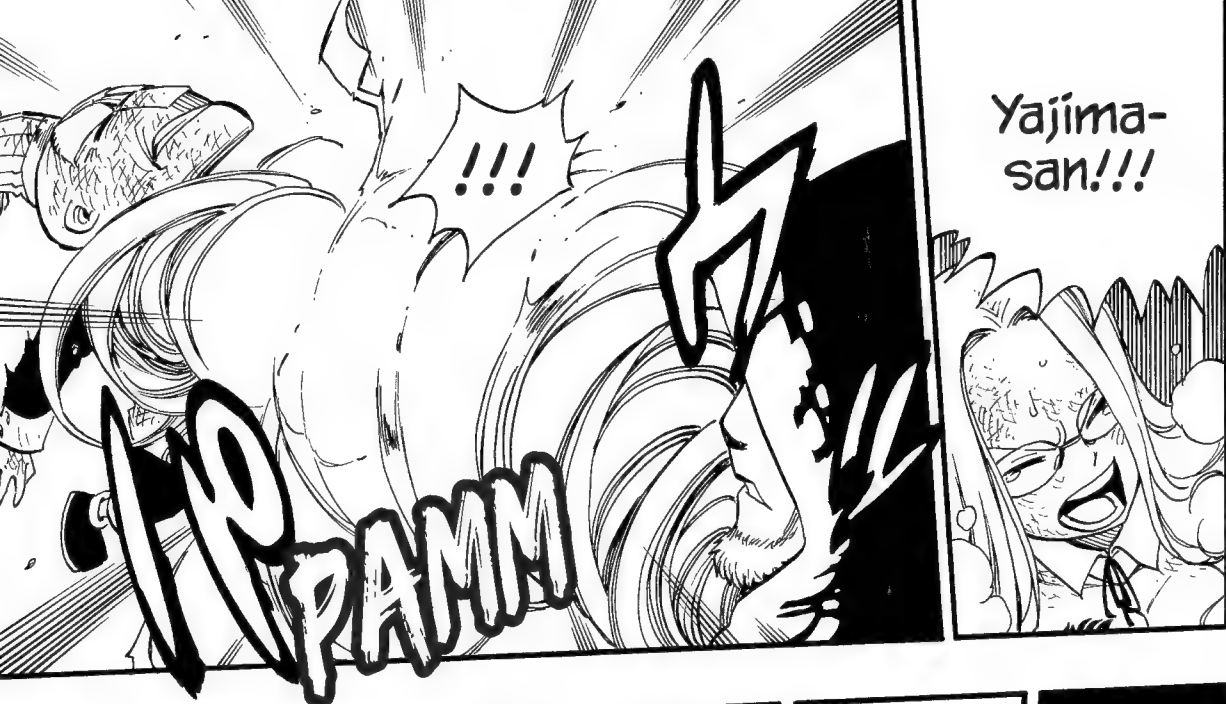


What are
you after
...?!

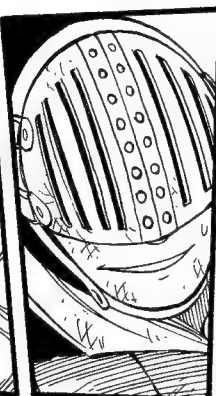



**À
À
À
À
À
!!!**

... hell!



Yajima-san!!!



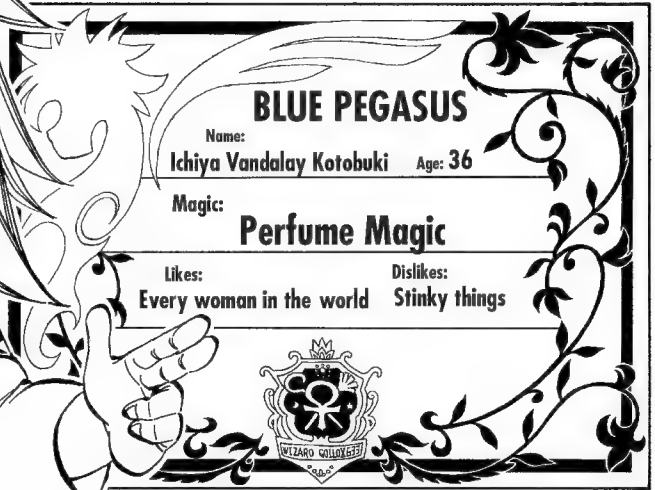
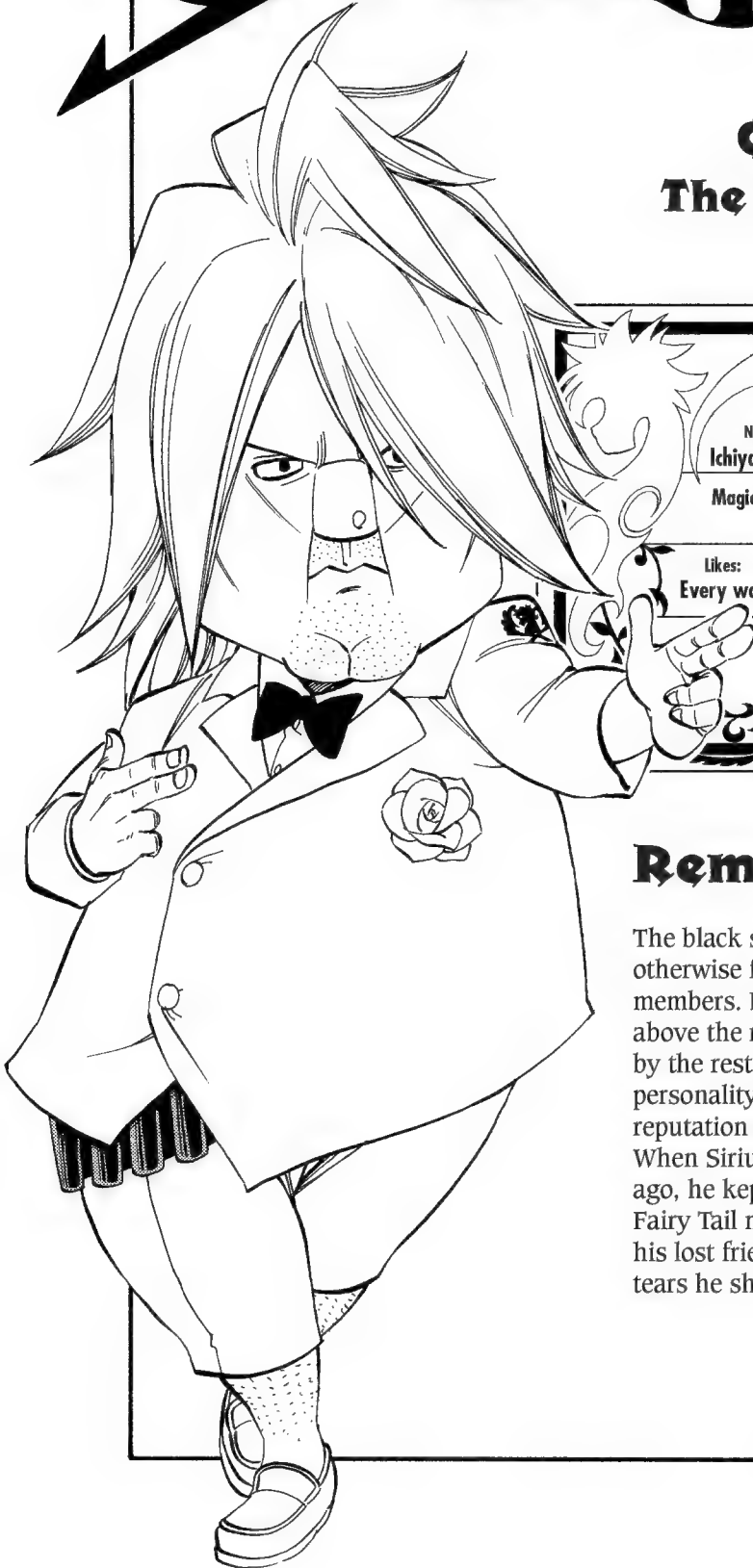


**...when
it comes
to killing
you...**

**...I'm
right on
course!!!**

FAIRY TAIL

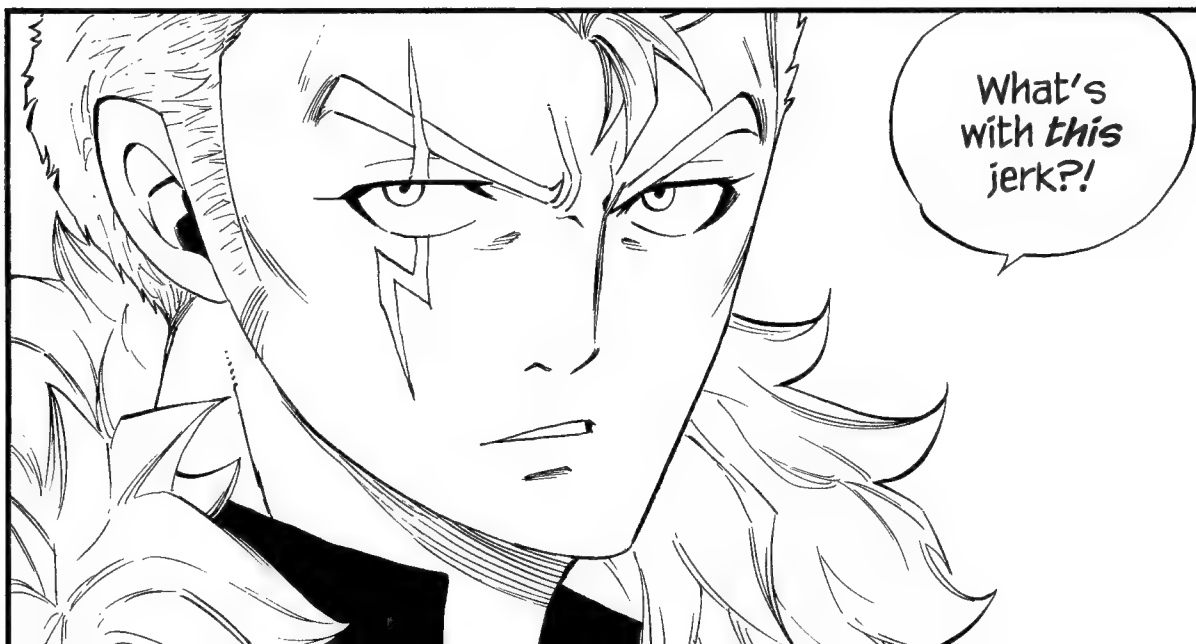
Chapter 358: The Devil Particles



Remarks

The black sheep of Blue Pegasus, a guild otherwise famous for the beauty of its members. However, his abilities put him above the rest, and he is now looked up to by the rest of the guild. Still, his extreme personality has left him with a horrible reputation among other guilds.

When Sirius Island disappeared seven years ago, he kept up the search for the missing Fairy Tail members in secret, and wept for his lost friends time and time again. The tears he shed were the perfume of sadness.



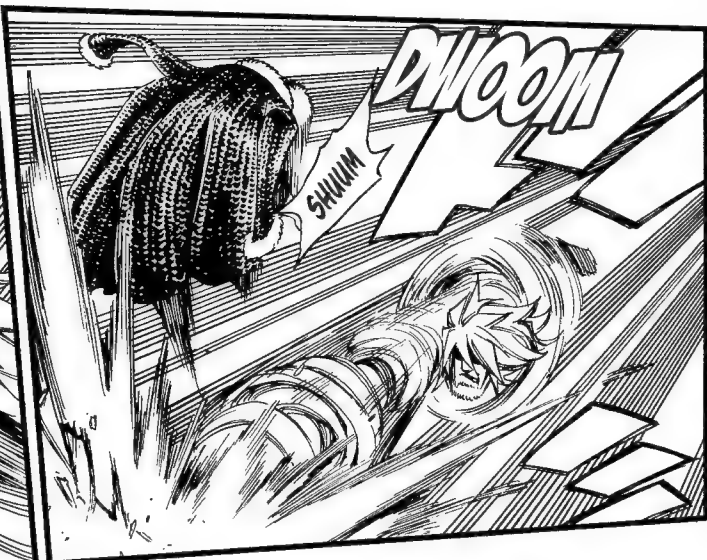




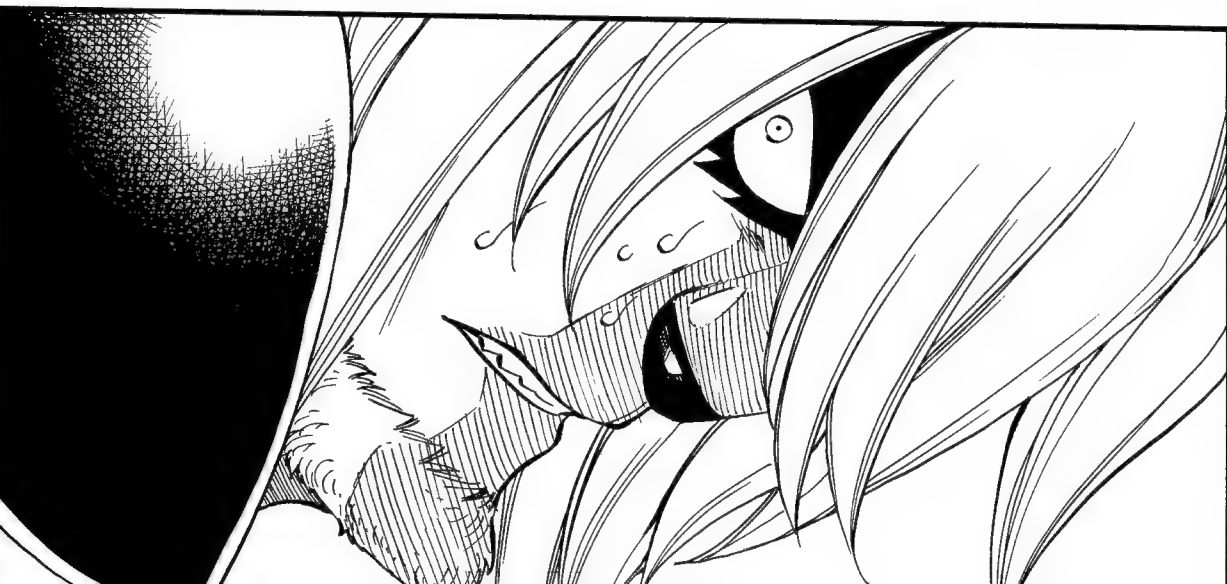
HFFF

DEMON GATE
**TEMPESTER
THE IMMORTAL**

He
ain't
human
?!





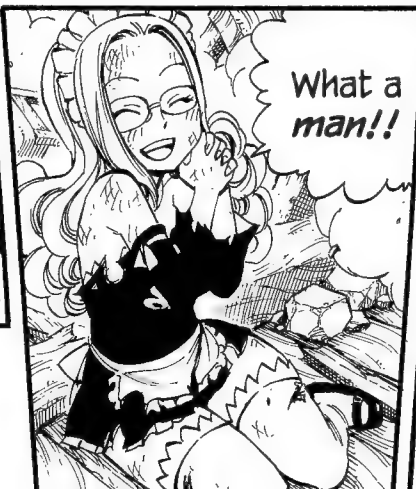
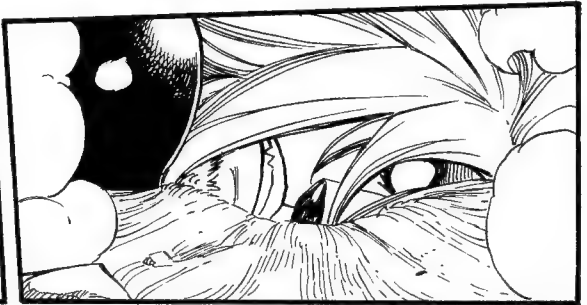
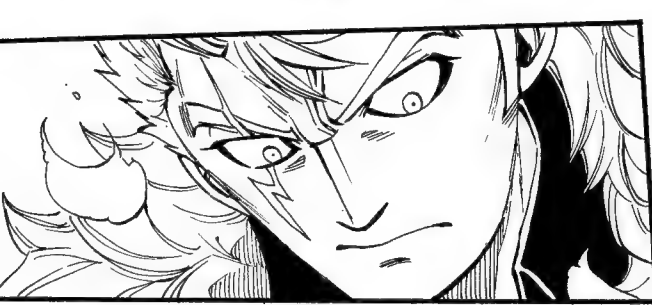


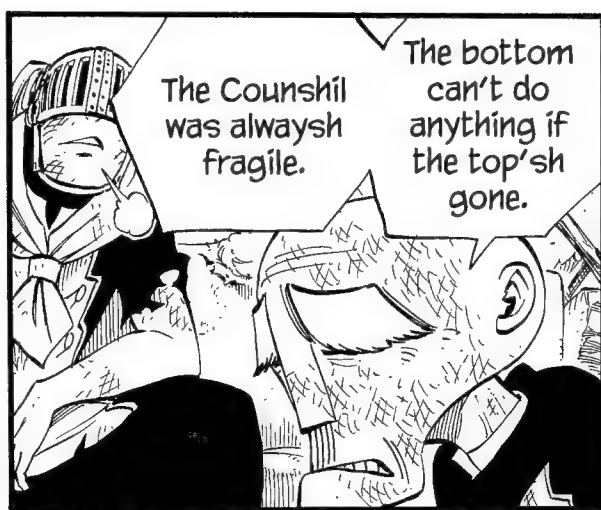
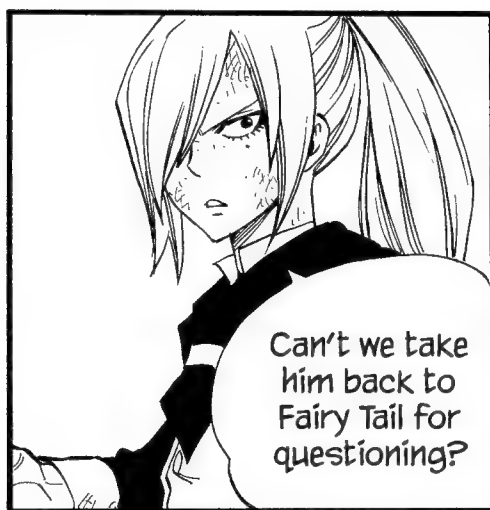
BOOM

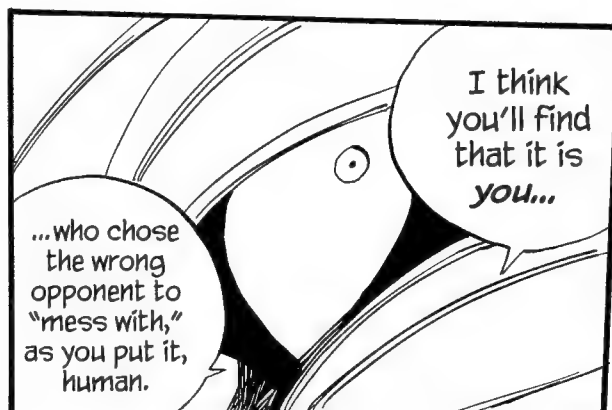
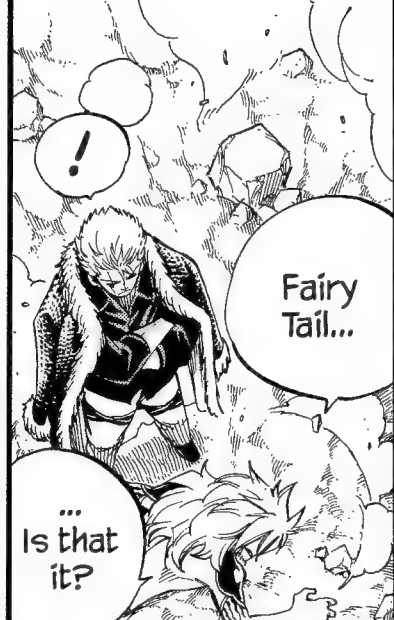
**RAIRYŪ
NO
AGITO*
!!!!**

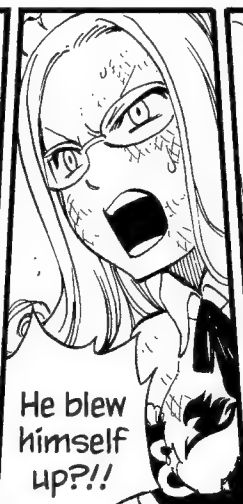
*Thunder Dragon's Jaw













Mankind
cannot defeat
this malady!

What is
this black
mist?!

It's
spreading
quick!!!



...
eradicating
the etherna-
nos in it!

These
are anti-
magic *Devil*
Particles!

They
pollute the
air...



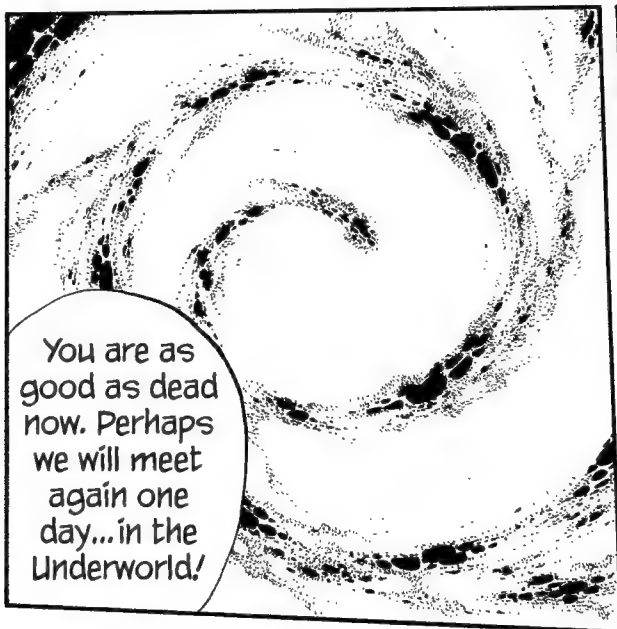
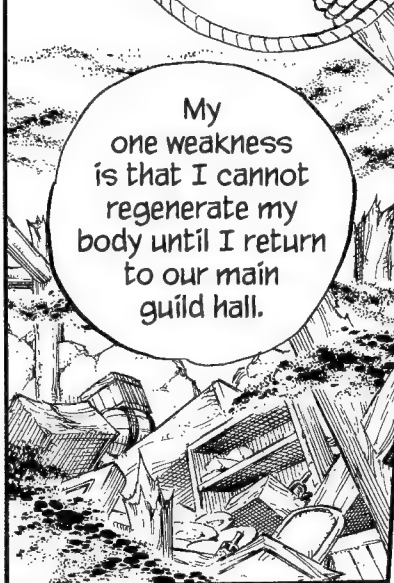
What you
are feeling
is magic
anemia...

GAHH!

They create
an anti-
ethernano
zone?

...the onset
of Magic
Deficiency
Disease!

KOFF



All we can do
now ish run!!
Get away from
the misht!!!

The whole
town will be
polluted!

If we
don't do
something,
we'll all...

Don't
breathe
it in!!!

...an...

WHUD

Yajima-
S...

WHUMP
WAA

UNGH!

Lexus,
cover your
mouth!!!

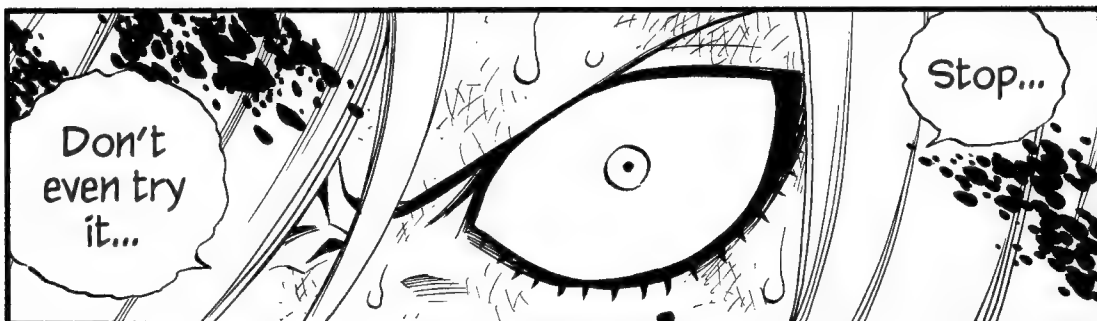
Nobody
dies
here!!!

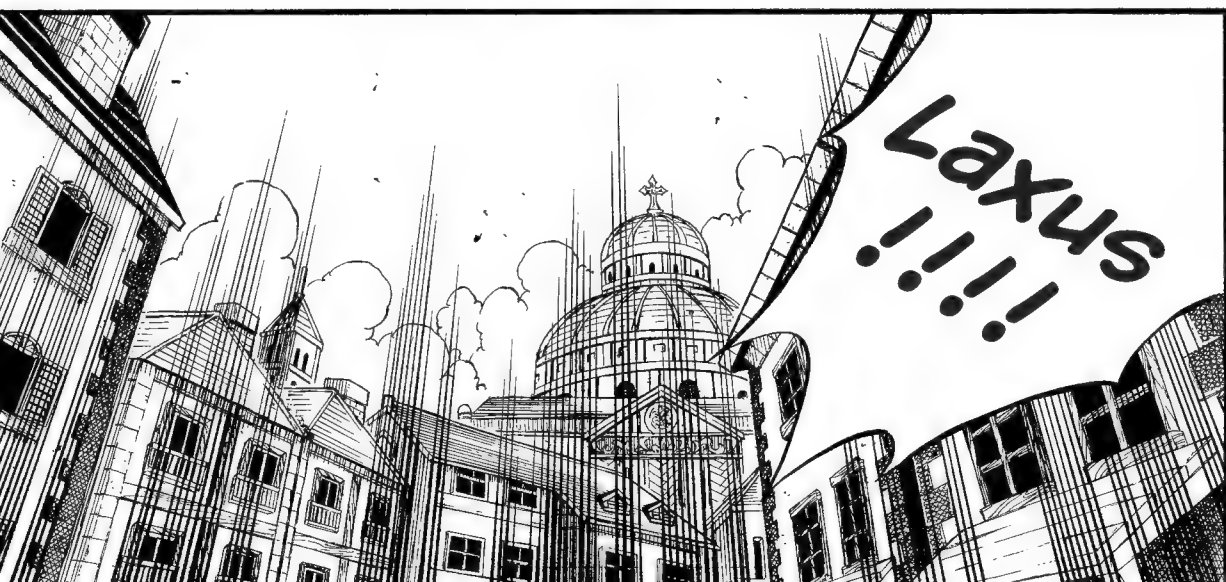
I
won't let
anybody
die!!!

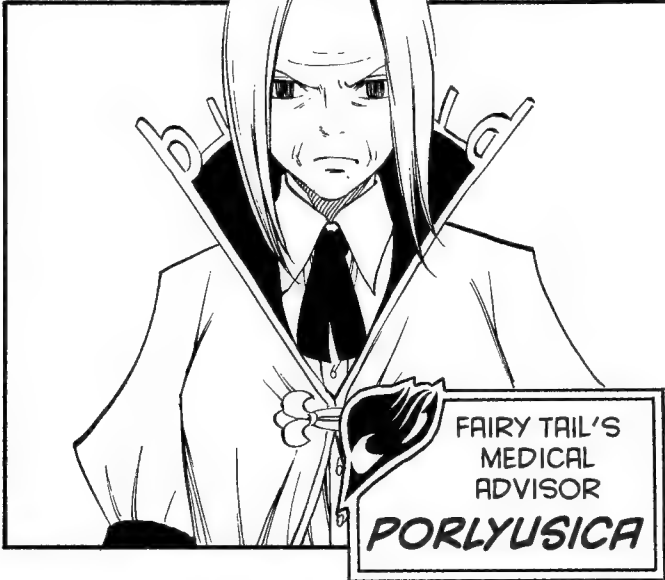
Bickslow
!!!

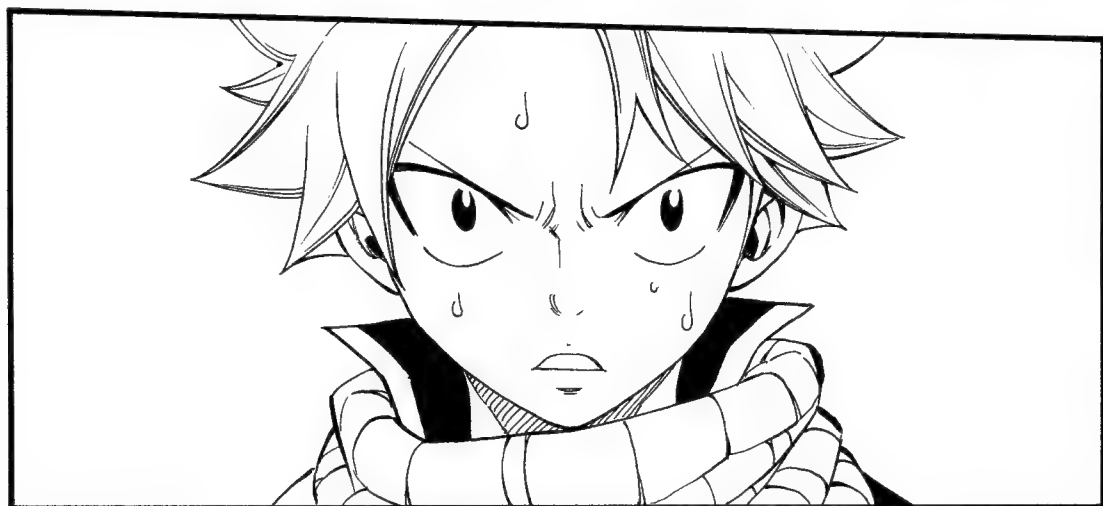
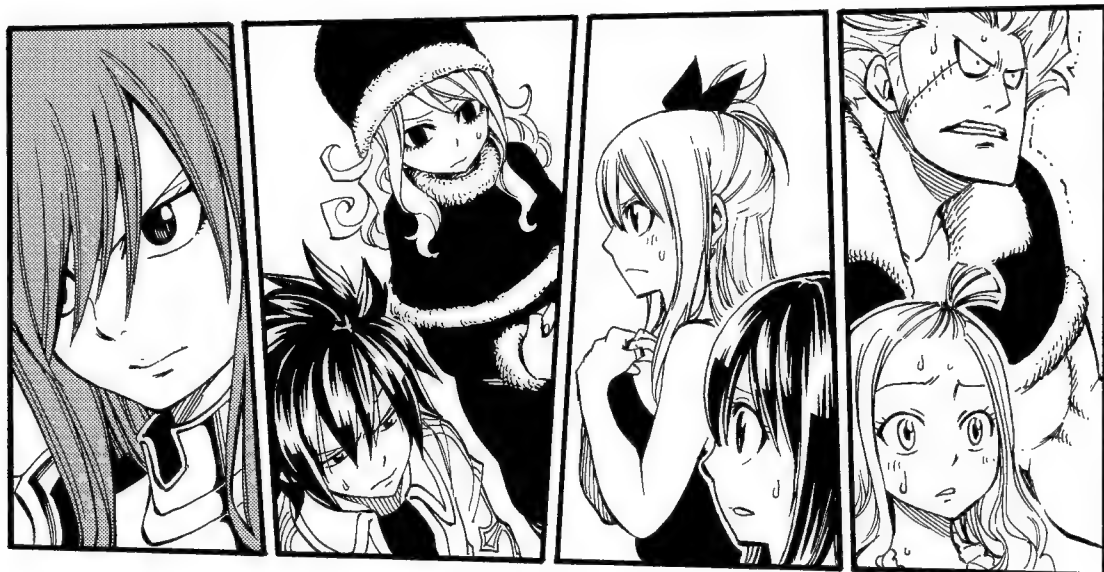
Ever
!!!

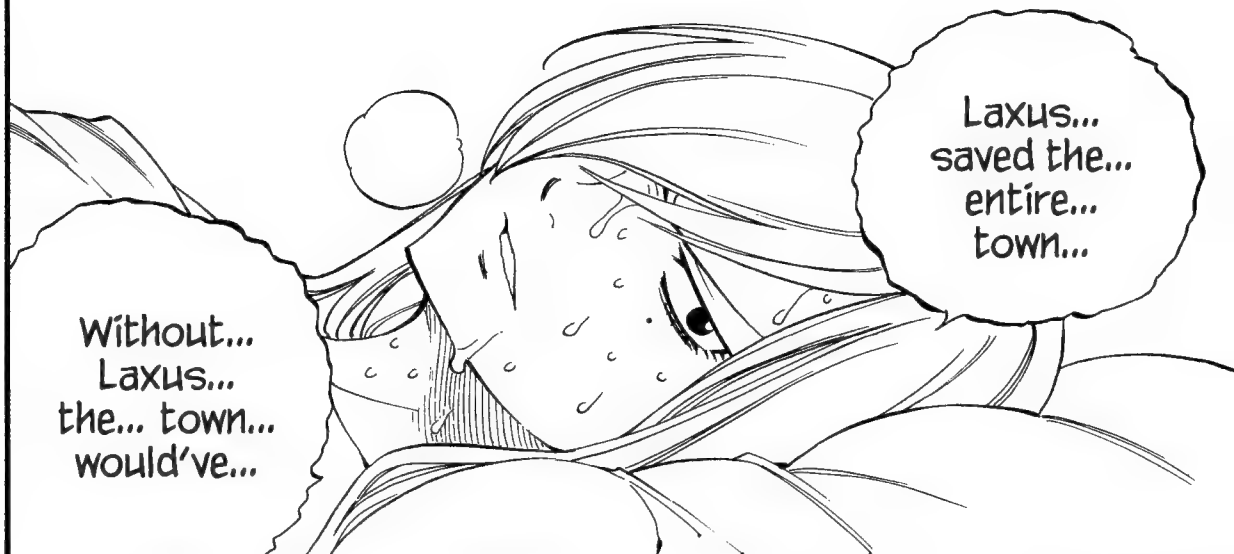
Get
up!!!





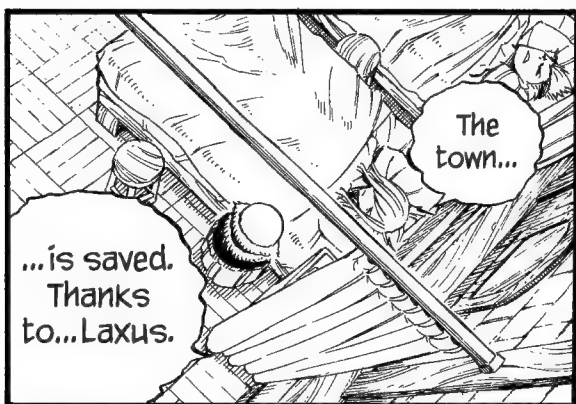






Without...
Lexus...
the... town...
would've...

Lexus...
saved the...
entire...
town...



...is saved.
Thanks
to...Lexus.


The
town...



I know.

I'm proud
of you too,
for bringing
the others
home.





We've
got heavy
pollution in
the western
district! We
have to enlarge
the evacuation
zone!!!

Do not
approach
the town
!!!

It is
contaminated
with Devil
Particles!

CLAMOR

CLAMOR

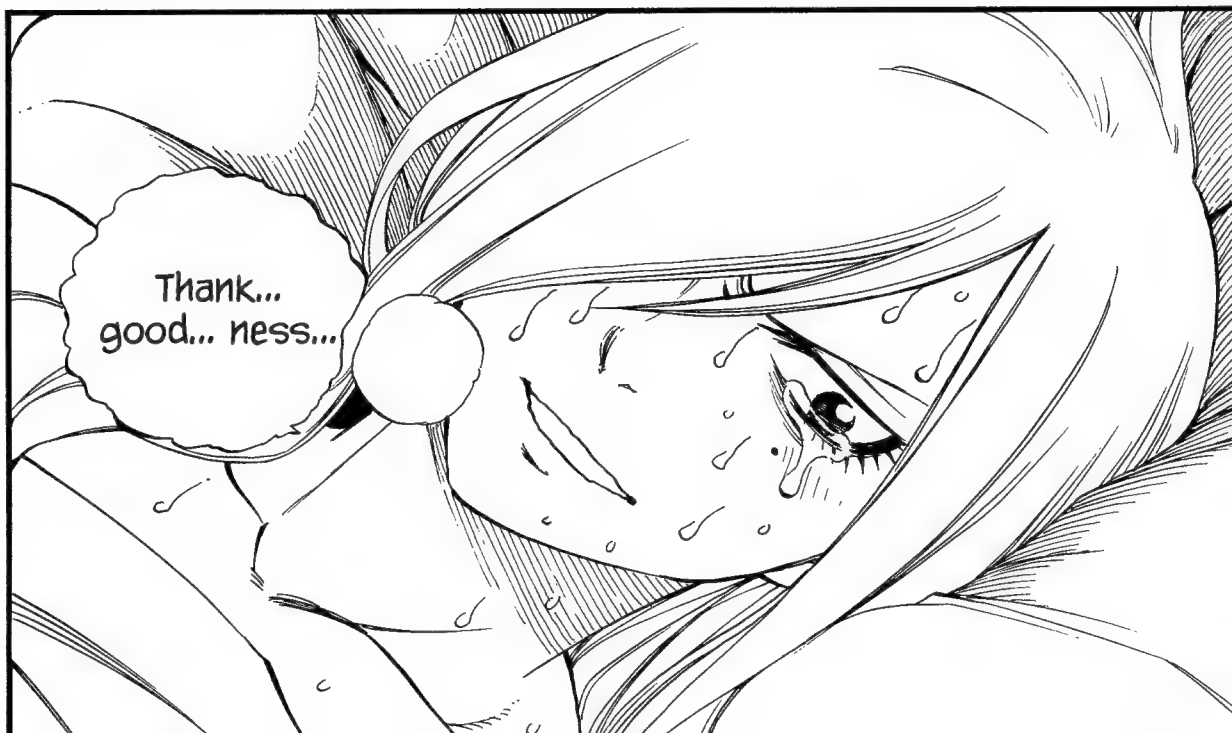
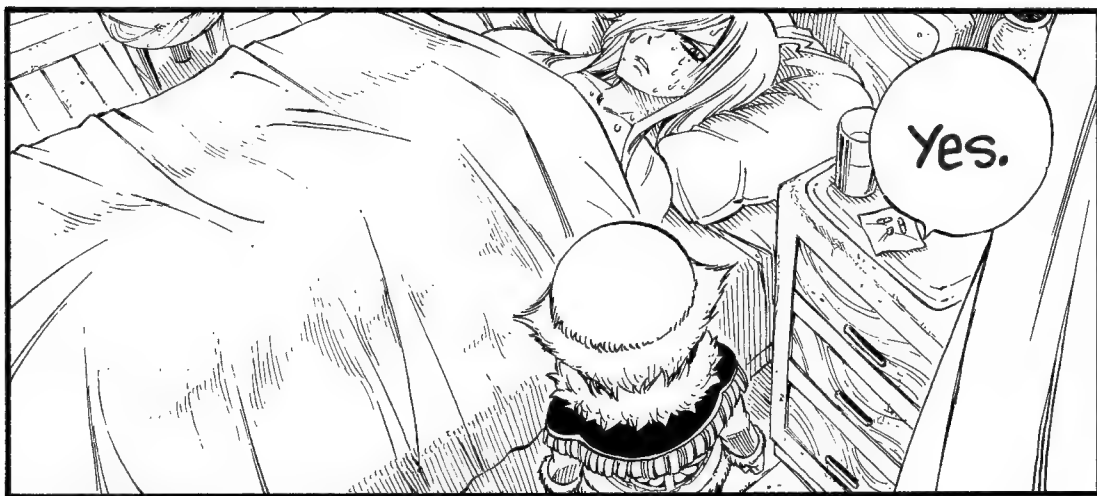
We've found
four more
victims!

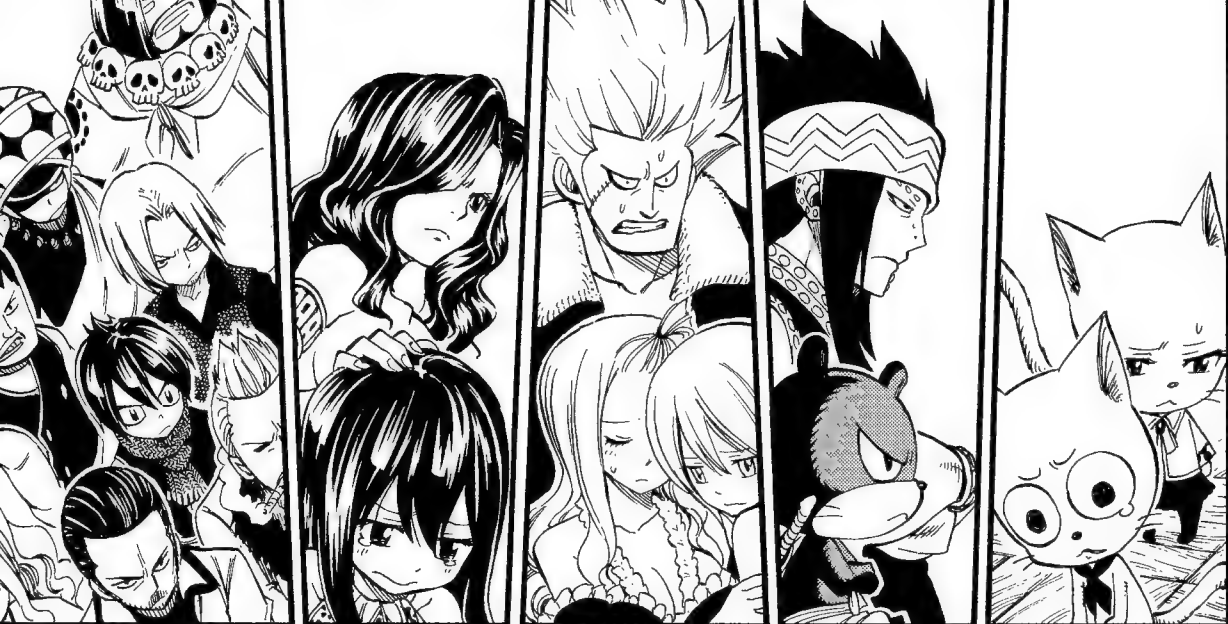
This puts
the fatality
count over a
hundred!!

Who'd have
thought this
would even affect
people without
any magic...?

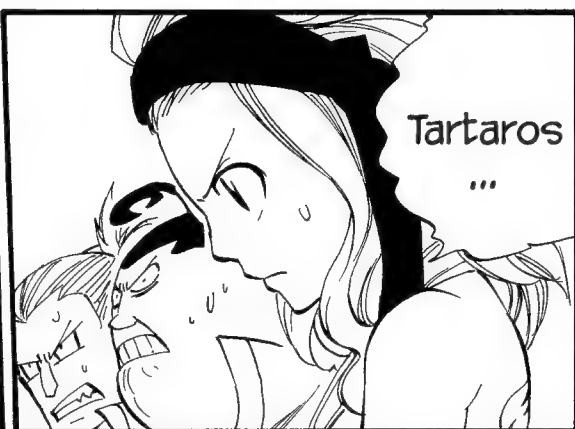
What in
the world
happened
here?!!

CHATTER
CHATTER





If all the former Council members are targets ...






***This
is war
!!!!***

FAIRYTAIL

Chapter 359: Fairies vs. the Underworld

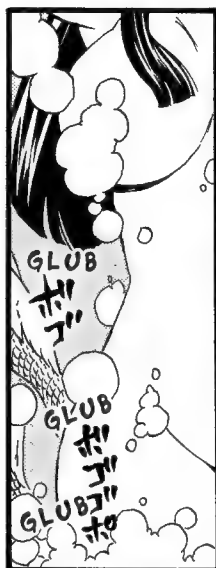
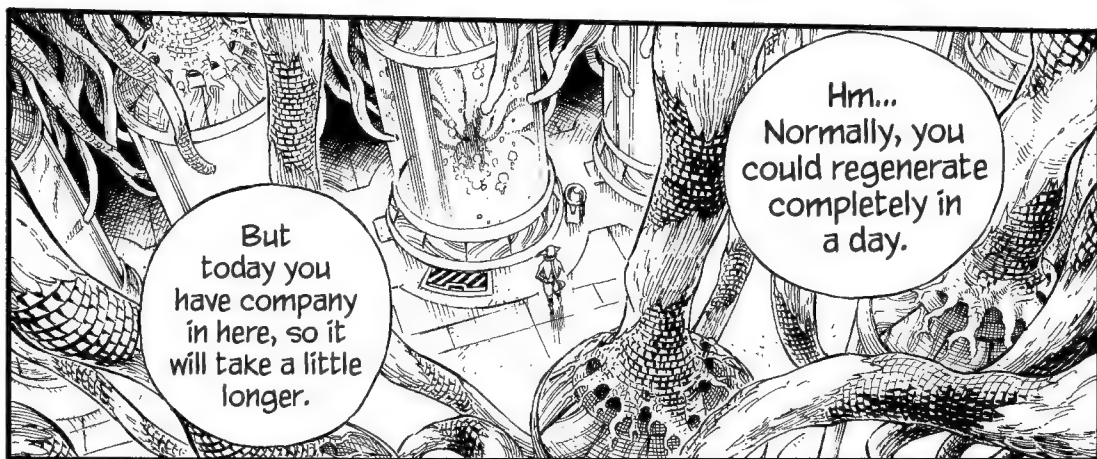


BLUE PEGASUS	
Name: Hibiki Letis	Age: 36
Magic: Archive	
Likes: All women	Dislikes: Bugs
	

Remarks

He's held the top spot in the Weekly Sorcerer list of "Wizards I'd Like to Be My Boyfriend" for seven years running. He always has a number of girlfriends on hand, and none of them serious, but the editorial department of Weekly Sorcerer speculates that Jenny of Blue Pegasus is the one he truly loves. Over the past seven years, his speed with his Archive information retrieval has greatly increased. Recently, he's been working on miniaturizing his system.

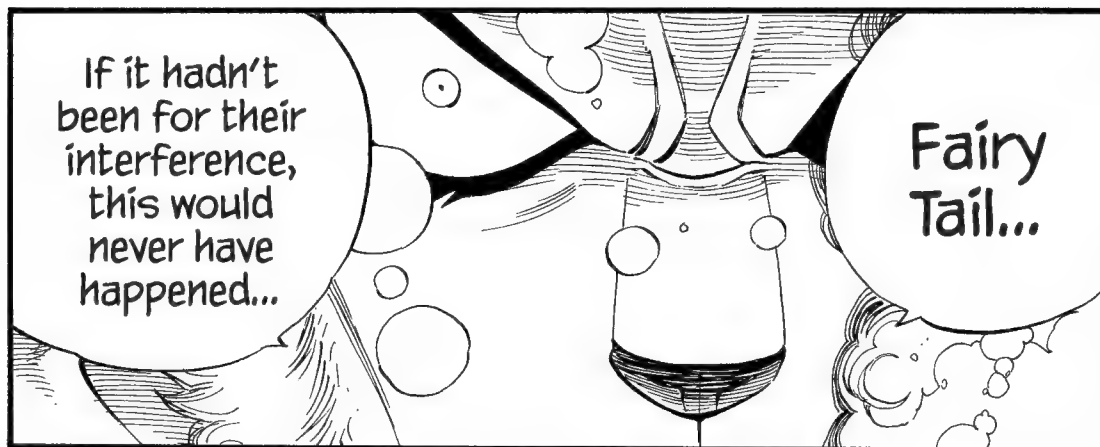
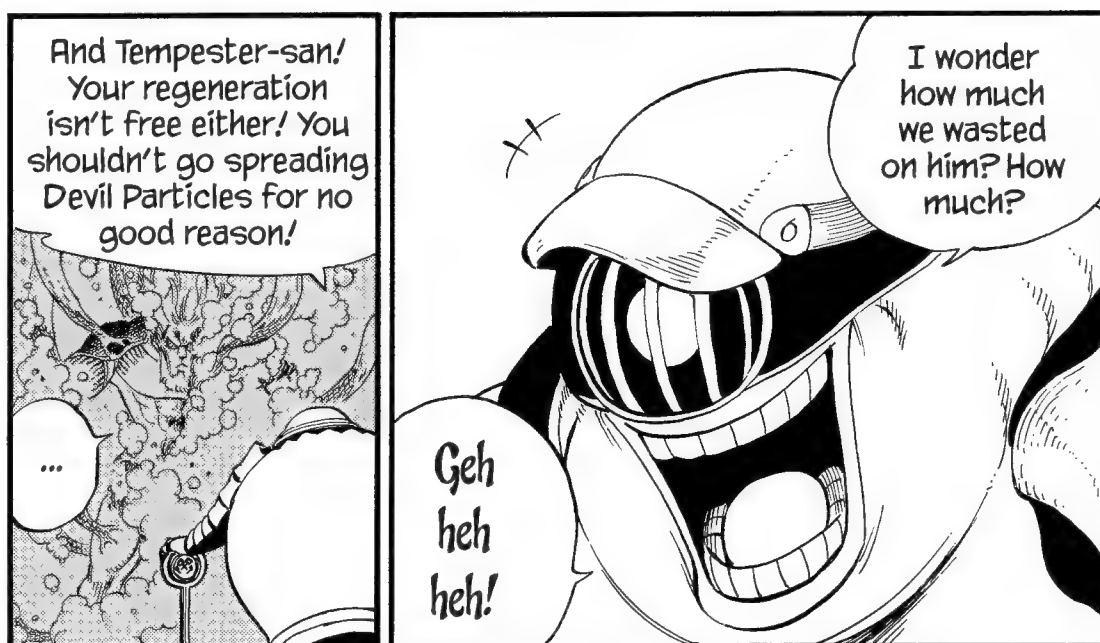
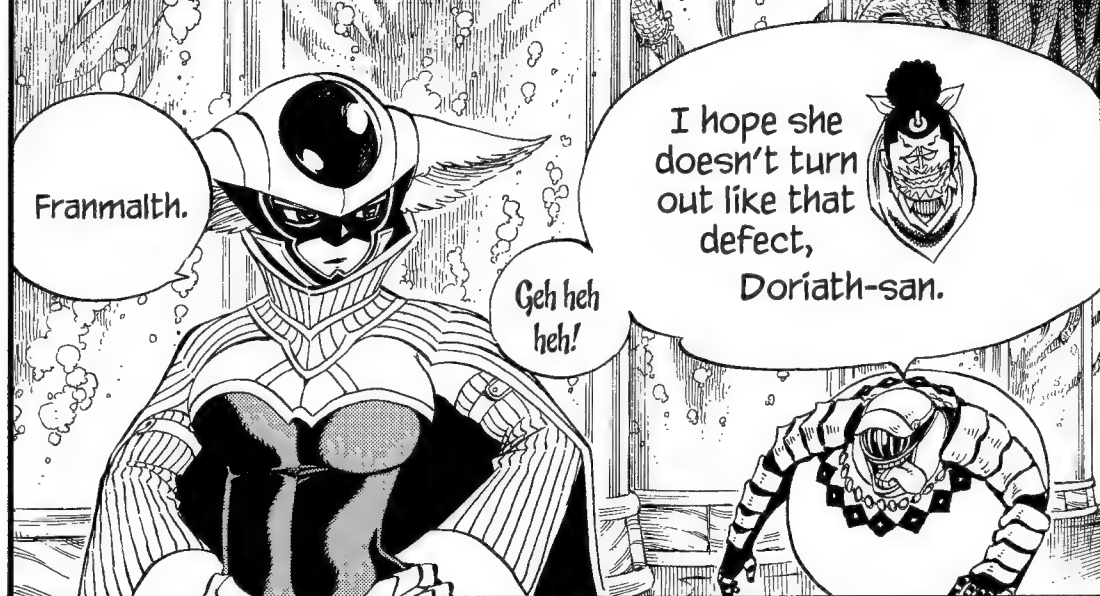


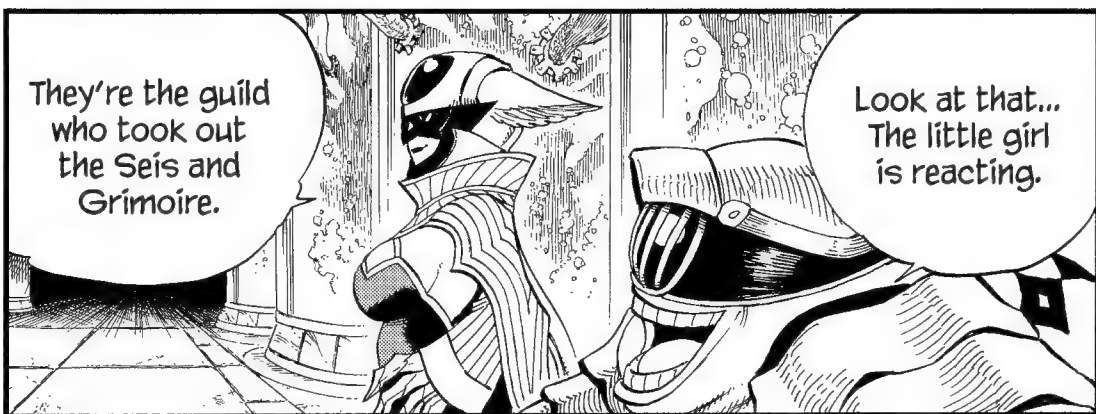
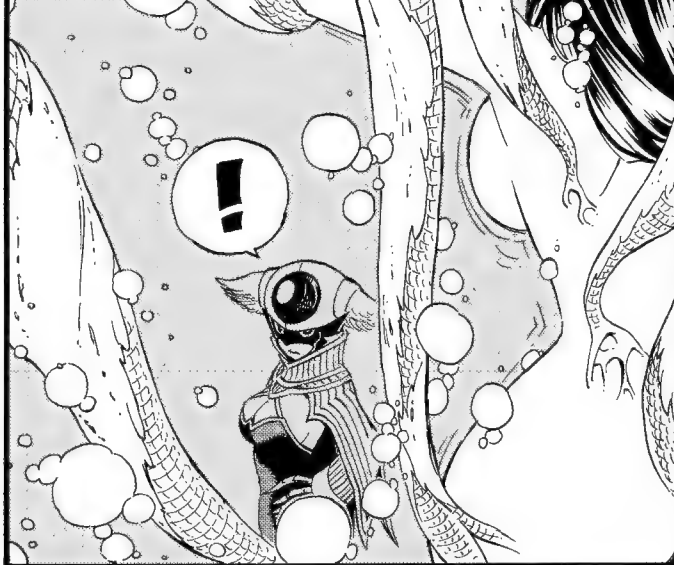




MINERVA...

**...has the
potential to
become one
of us.**

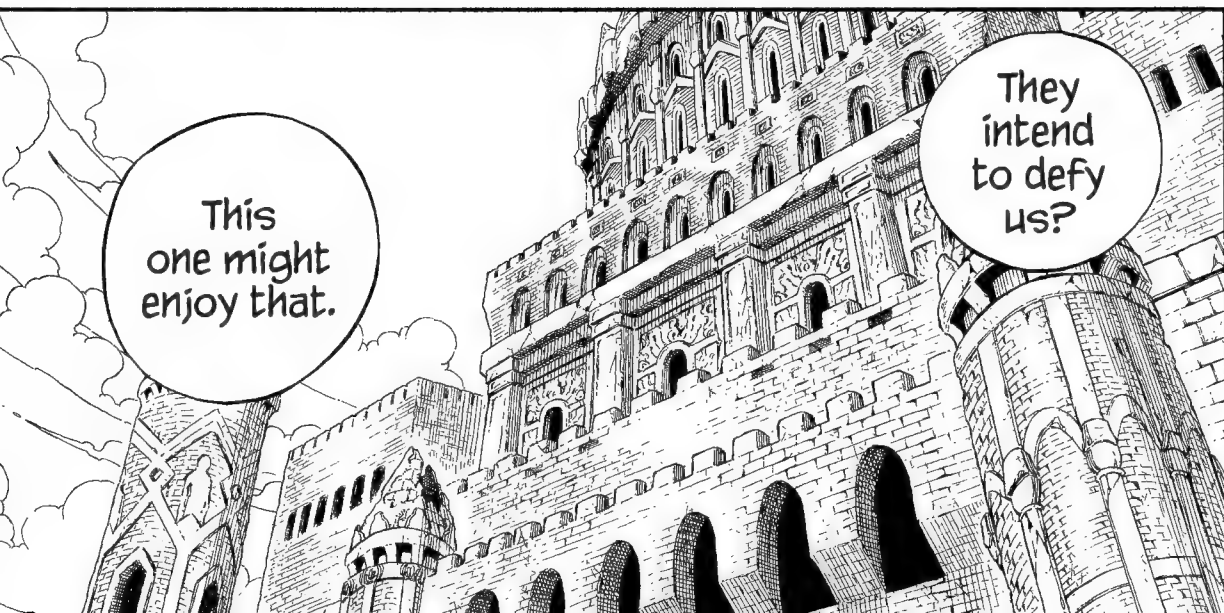






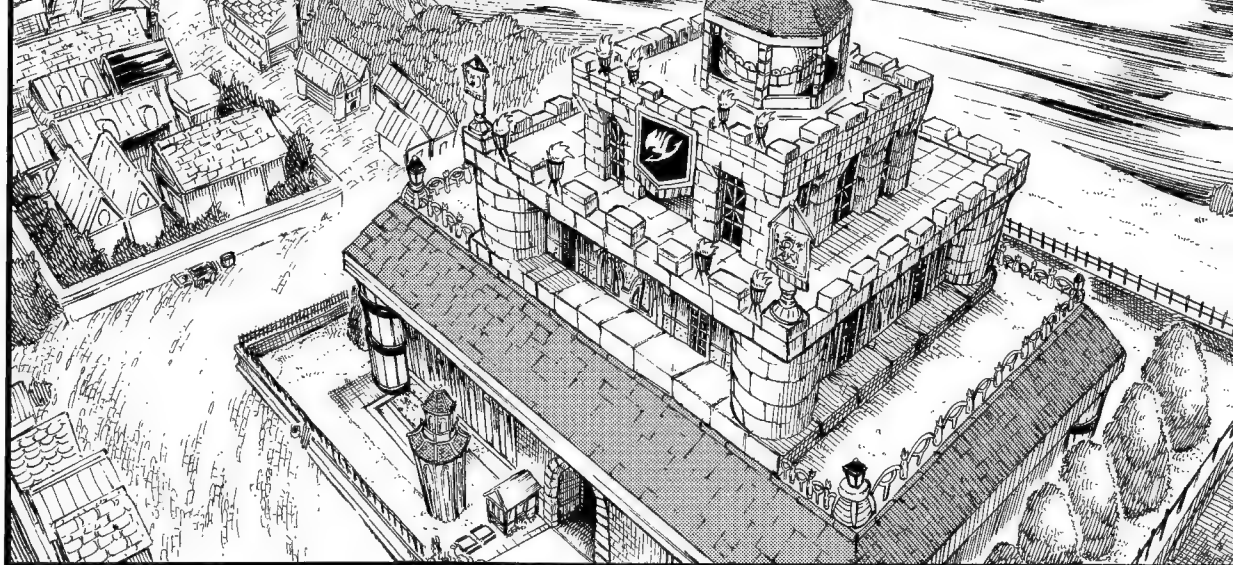
Fairy
Tail...

Heh heh
heh...



This
one might
enjoy that.

They
intend
to defy
us?





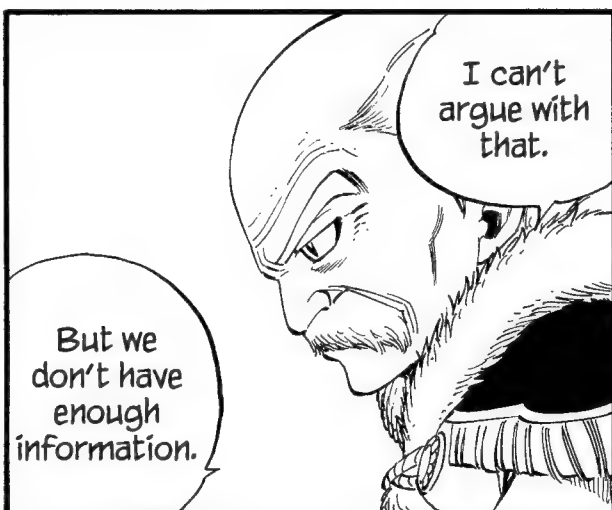
We gotta attack them now, old man!!!!

They took out our friends!!!! We can't let that slide!!!!



And even the Council didn't know where their guild hall is located.

We don't know what Tartaros is after.



I can't argue with that.

But we don't have enough information.



How should I know?!

And where are *their* guild halls?

We can beat it out of the other dark guilds!!!

That's right, Natsu! How can we attack them when we don't know where they are?

Then we can't attack anyone yet, can we?!



Then if we go to the house of an ex-Council member, we can wait and let *them* come to us.



The one thing we *do* know is that they're after Council members.

And not just the present ones, but the past ones, too.



Bad guys might come for revenge if they knew where the ex-members lived.

Why?



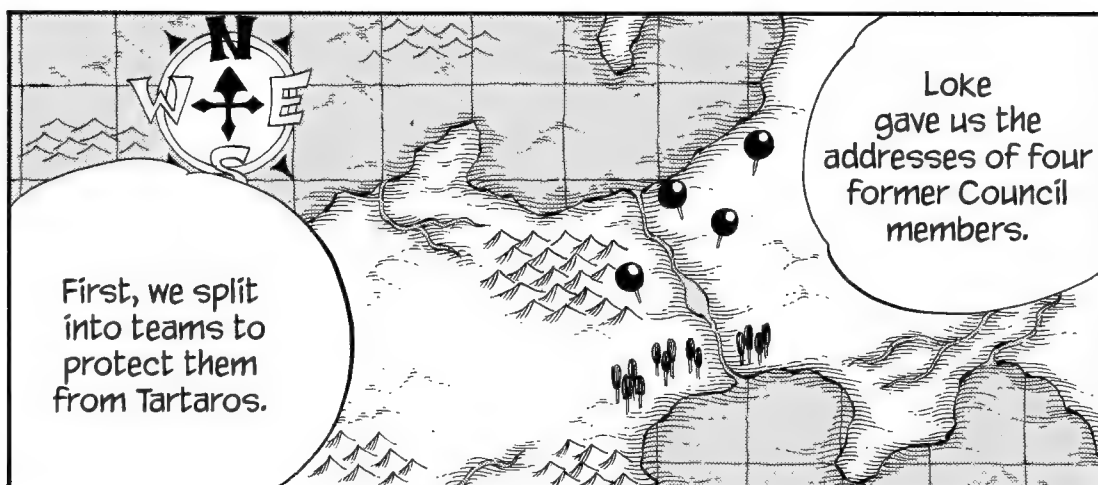
But the addresses of former members are never divulged. Nobody knows where they are.



No. I wouldn't say that.

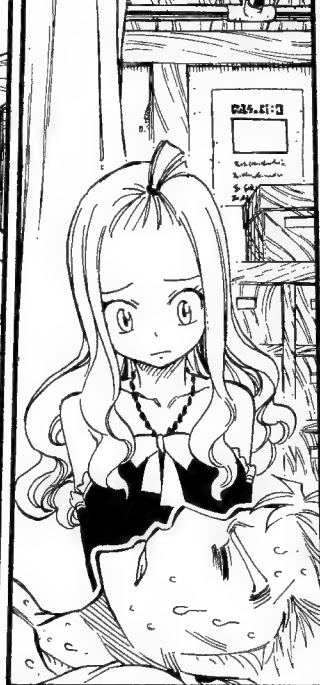
So we've hit a dead end?



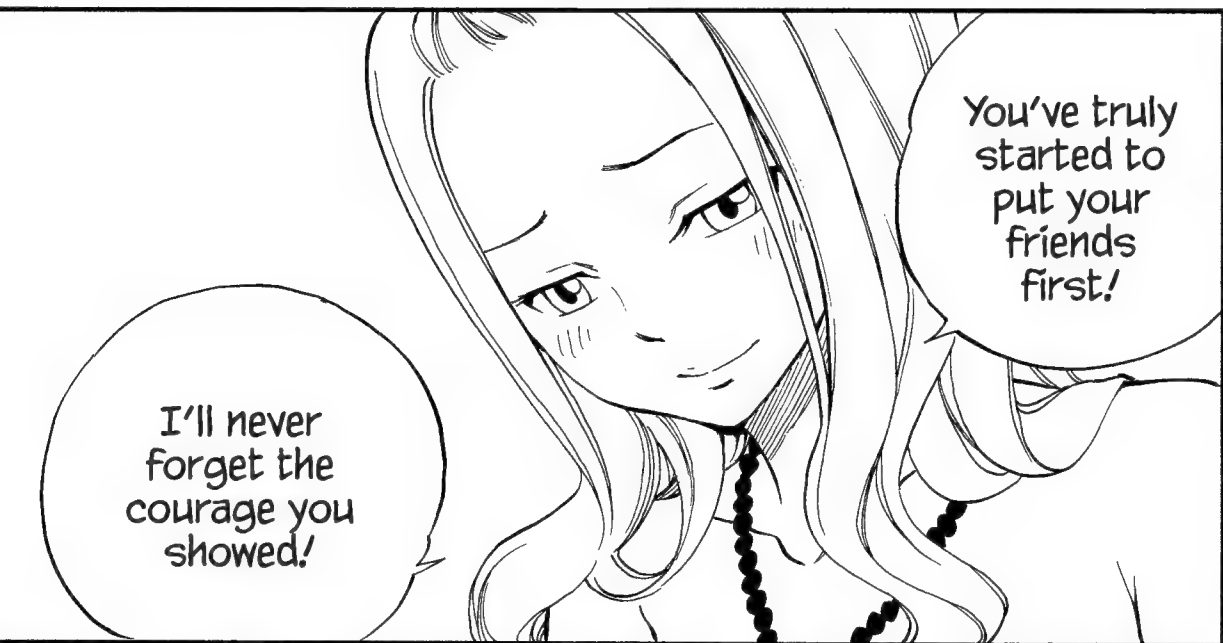
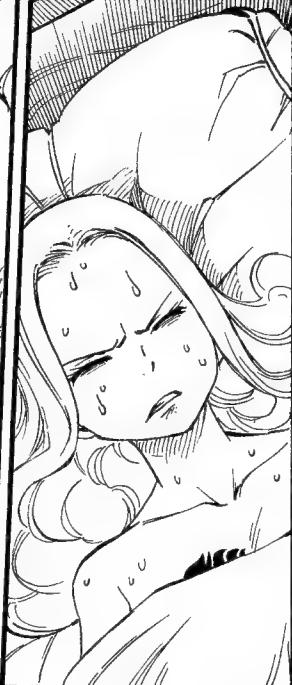




Lexus... We
heard what
you did from
Fried...

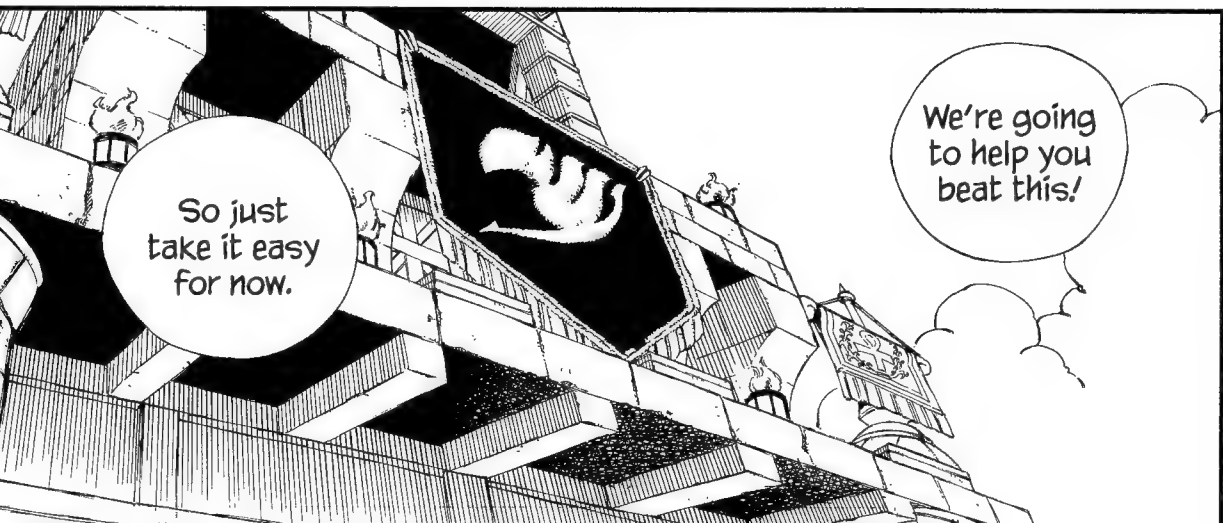


Ever... I'll
get revenge
for you! I
swear it!



I'll never
forget the
courage you
showed!

You've truly
started to
put your
friends
first!



So just
take it easy
for now.

We're going
to help you
beat this!



**The enemy is
Tartaros!!!!**



**But we
took down
those other
two!!!!**



**They are part of
the formidable
Balam Alliance,
as the Oración
Seis and Grimoire
Heart were!!!!**



**We'll make
them regret
ever making
enemies of
us!!!!**

**And
we'll do
the same to
Tartaros!!!!**

**When you spill
blood from one
of us, you are
spilling it from
us all!!!!**



**We feel our
friends'
pain as if
it was our
own!!!!**



**They
hurt our
friends
!!!!**



**I want you to take
the pain and suffering
you're feeling right
now...and use it to
fuel your fight against
our enemy!!!!**



**We're
fighting
because
we
choose to
fight!!!!**



**We're not
fighting
for law
and
order!!!!**

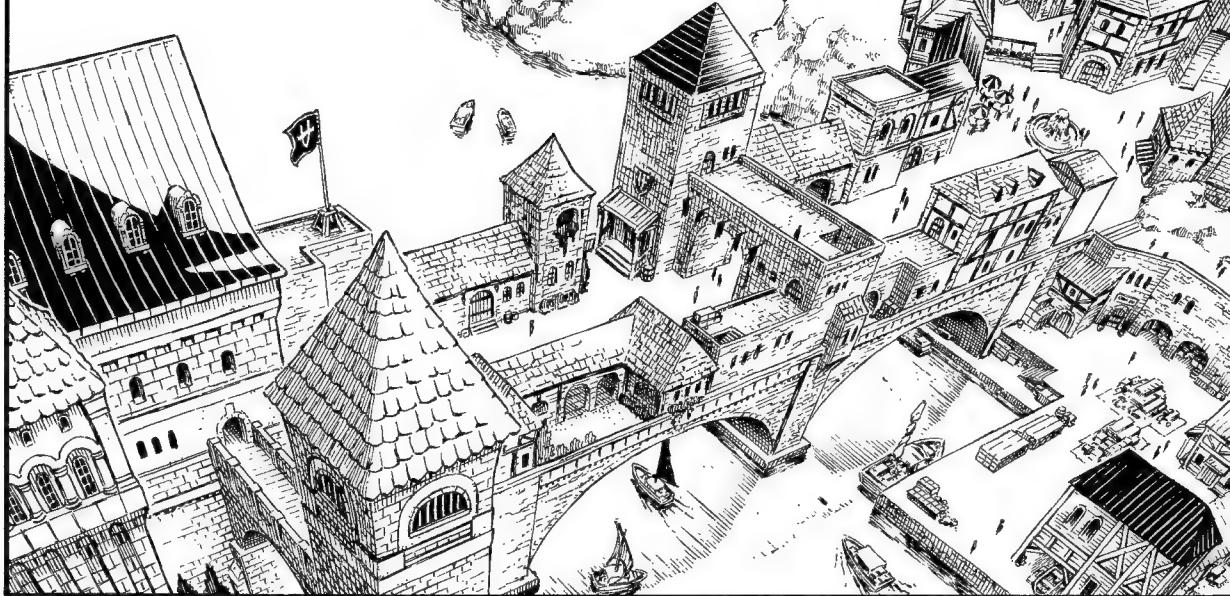


...
**we will
obliterate our
family's
enemies
!!!!**

**And for
the pre-
cious
bonds
that tie
us to-
gether**

...

FAIRY TAIL



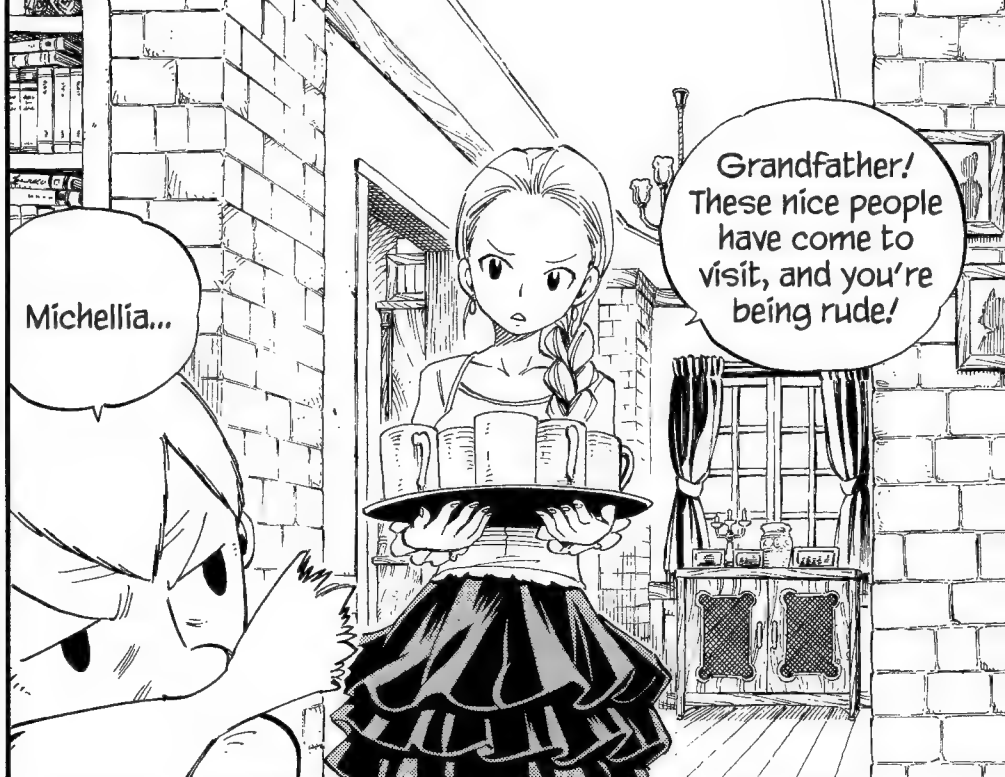
FORMER MAGIC
COUNCIL MEMBER
MICHELLO

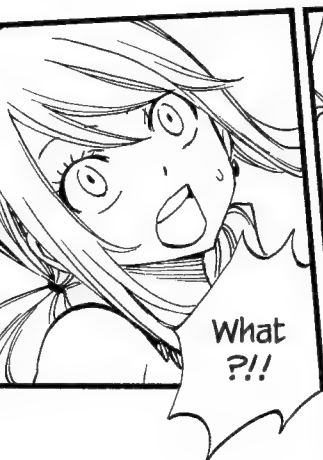
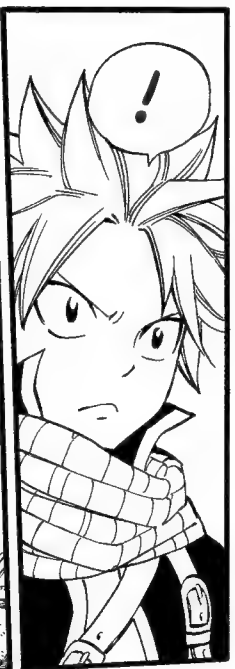
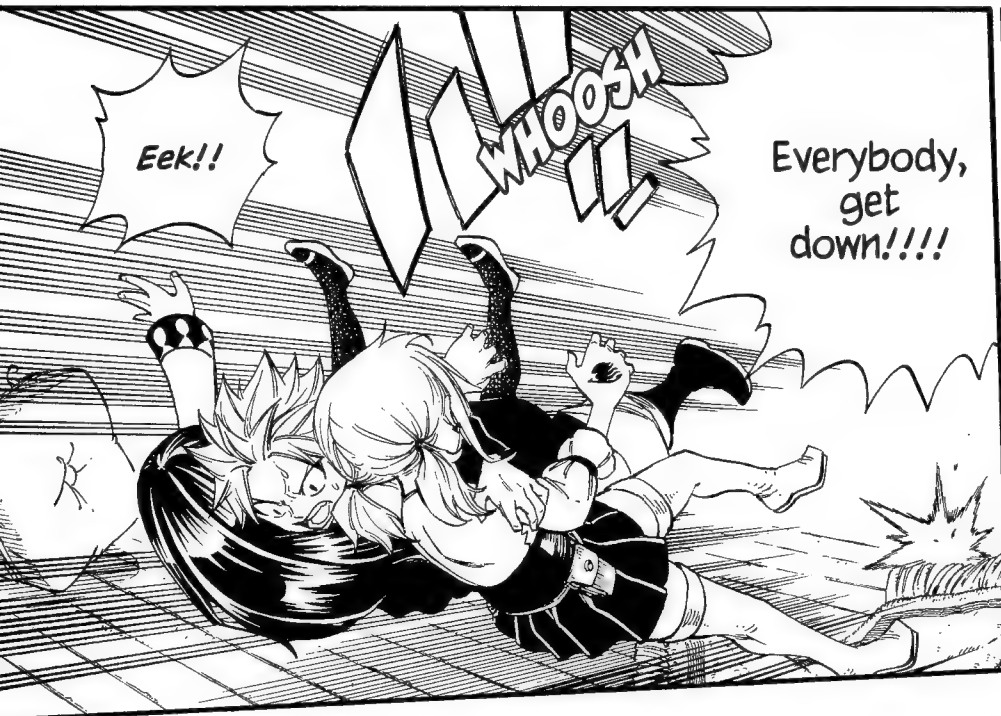


We'll
protect
you! You'd
better let
us!

...and that's
why we've come
here... to be your
bodyguards.











I managed
to eat it all
in time!

Phew...

PAT
PAT

“Eat...
it...?
Huh?!”



Aye!

Is
everyone
all right?

The
house just
exploded!!
How'd we
survive?



!!

What's
this?

I thought
you'd all be
blown to
bits.



Tarta-
ros?



Just like
the Magic
Council!!

Wa ha
ha!!




Who're
you?!

A black and white manga-style illustration of Natsu Dragneel. He has spiky, light-colored hair and a determined, slightly mischievous expression. He is wearing a dark, high-collared jacket over a light-colored shirt. His right hand is near his chin.

**I'm Natsu
of Fairy
Tail!!!**

**Time to
hunt some
demons!!**

A black and white manga-style illustration of Erza Scarlet. She has short, layered hair and a serious, questioning expression. She is wearing a dark, patterned top with a high collar and a light-colored skirt. Her right hand is near her chin.

**Who're
you?**

FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 360: The White Inheritance

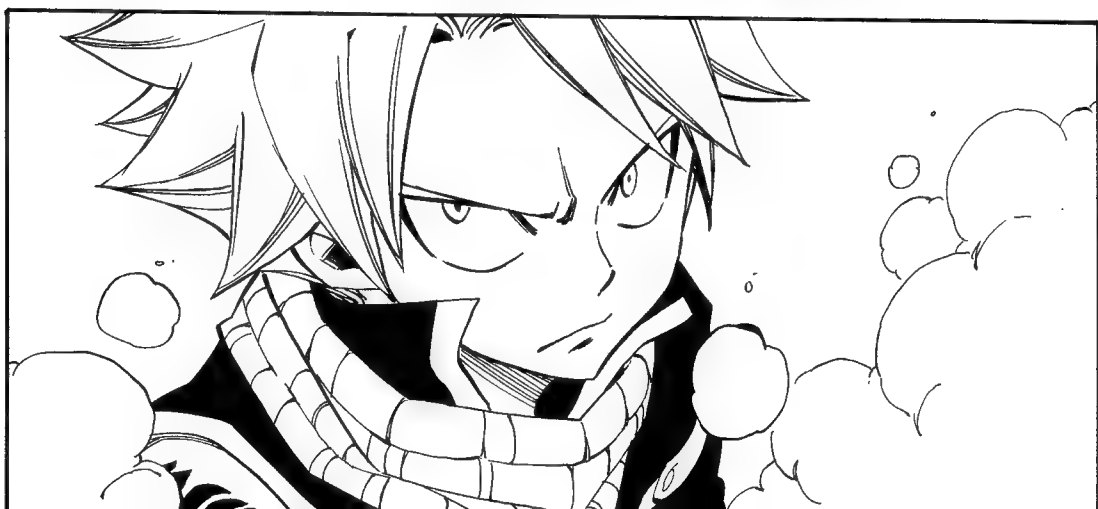
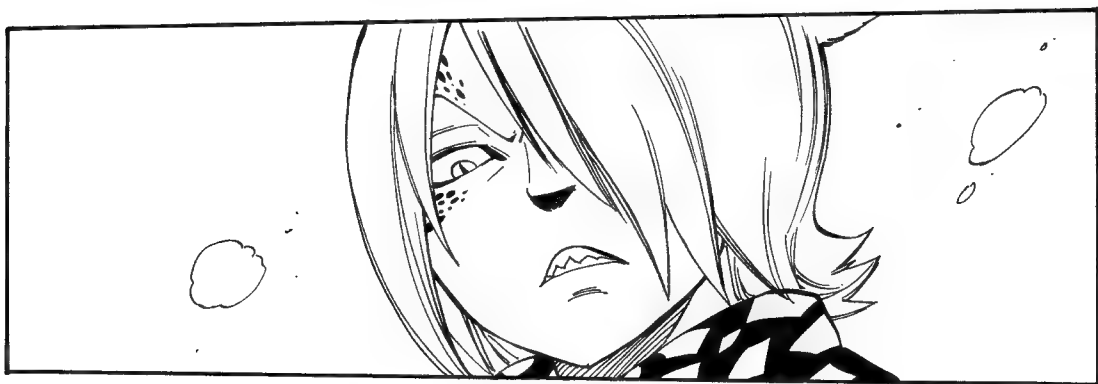


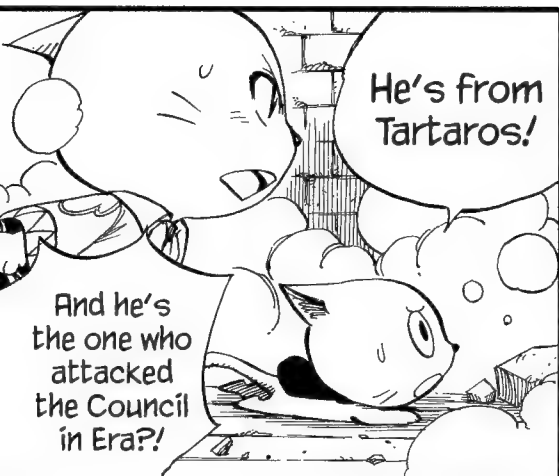
Remarks

The *tsundere** of Blue Pegasus, he's very popular with the ladies. But seven years ago, he met Sherry of Lamia on a mission, and started dating her. Believe it or not, he's never dated another girl since. He's completely devoted to Sherry.

He was already "Big Brother Ren" to Sherria, and has a close relationship with her. The only person who opposes his relationship with Sherry is the master of Lamia, Ooba Babasaama. What will become of the star-crossed lovers separated by their guilds?!

**Tsundere* means someone who is usually prickly but expresses affection during moments of weakness.





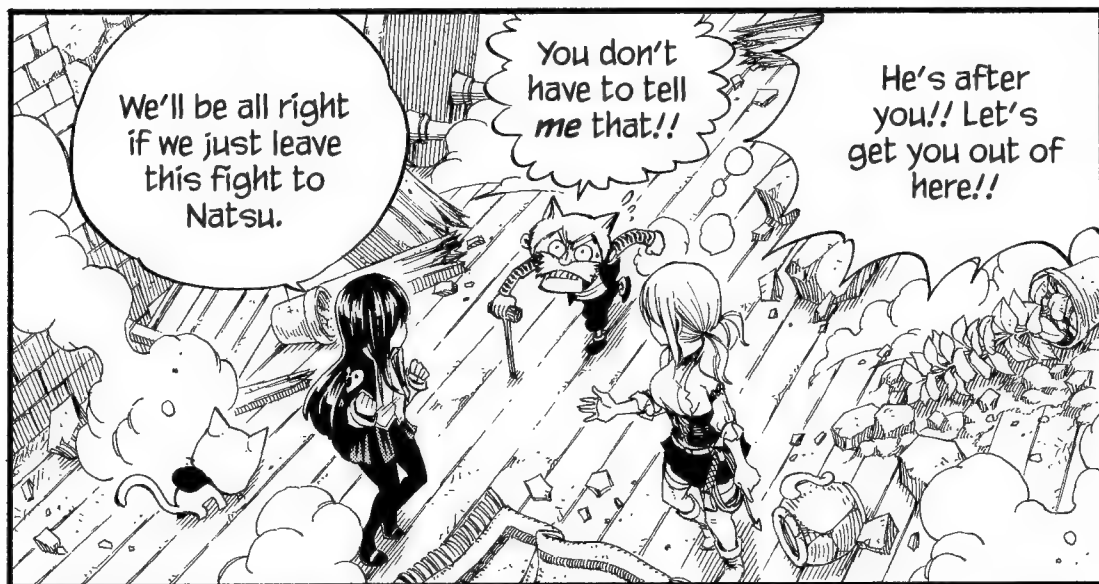
And he's
the one who
attacked
the Council
in Era?!

He's from
Tartaros!



Grandfather
!!

Who is this
scoundrel?!?
Look what he did
to our house!!



We'll be all right
if we just leave
this fight to
Natsu.

You don't
have to tell
me that!!

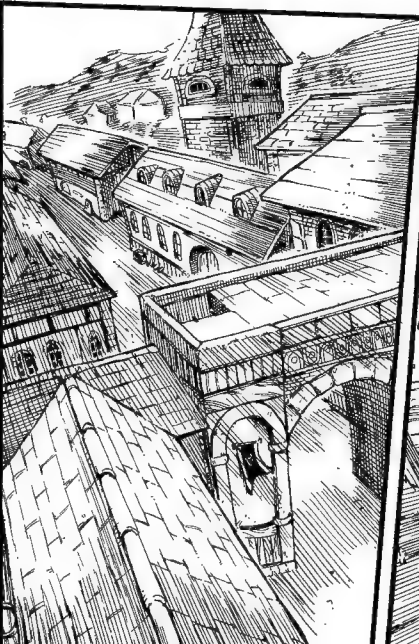
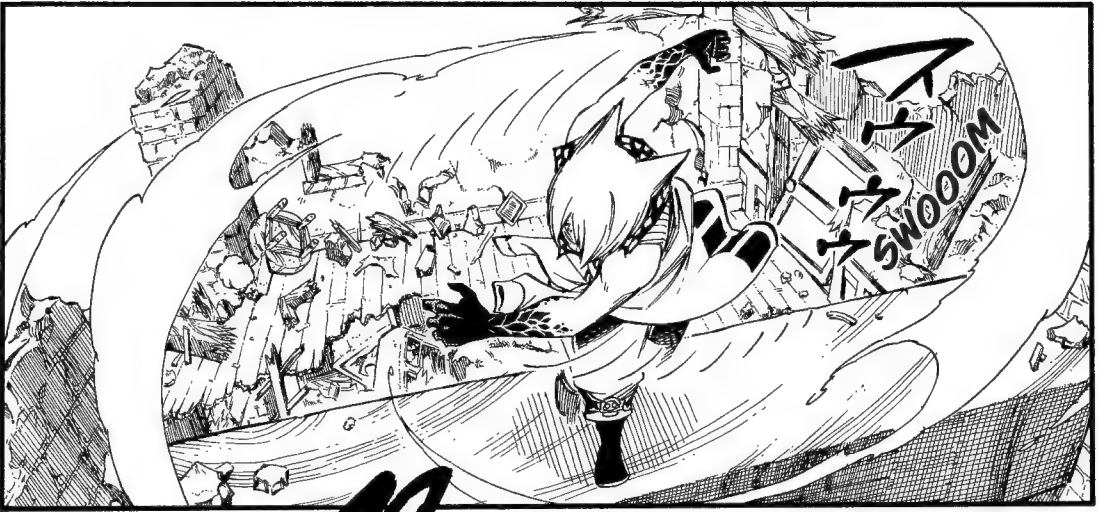
He's after
you!! Let's
get you out of
here!!



GRIN



Right!







WAAHH
!!

The
buildings
blew apart
!!

They just
suddenly
exploded!!



What's
going
on?!

AAAAAA

Eek!!

わ
/AAAAAA



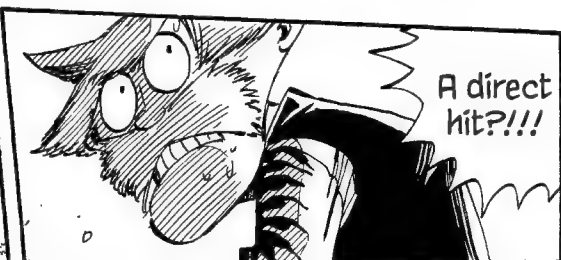
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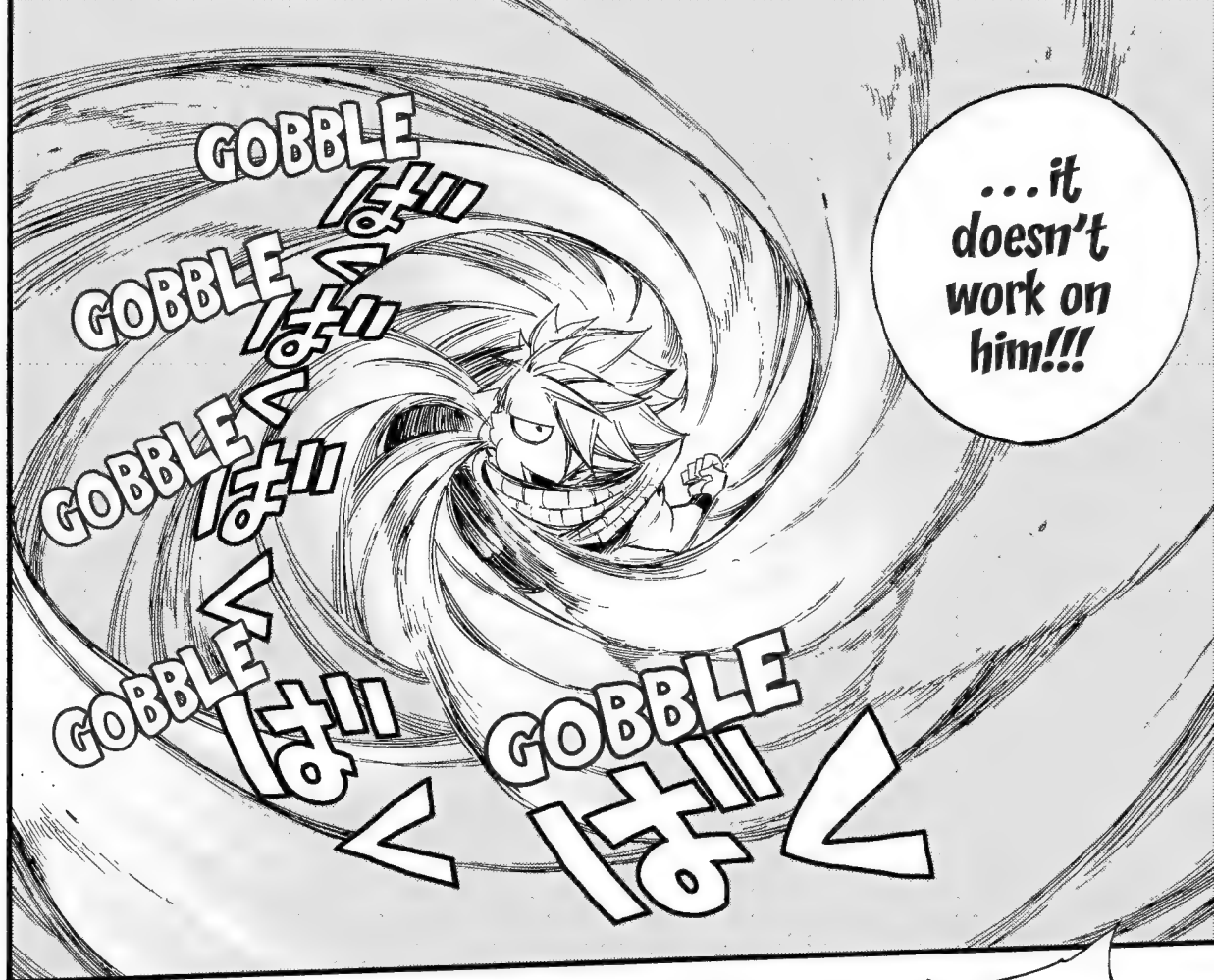


The town has
nothing to
do with this!!
Why...?!

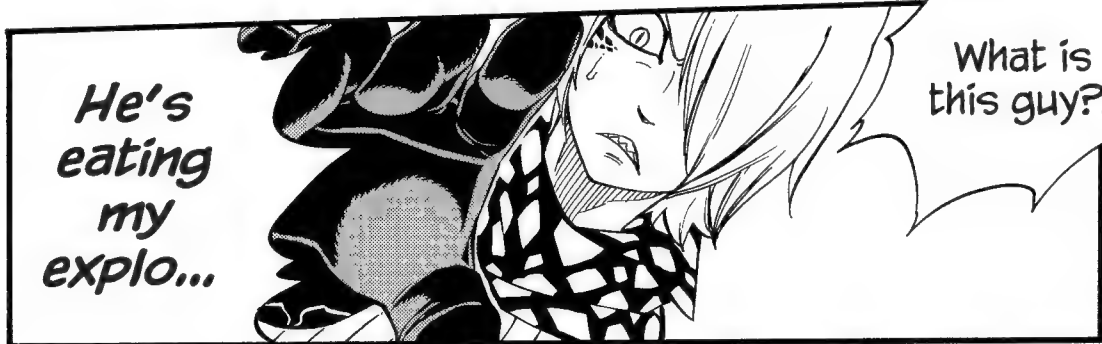


You
little
...!!!





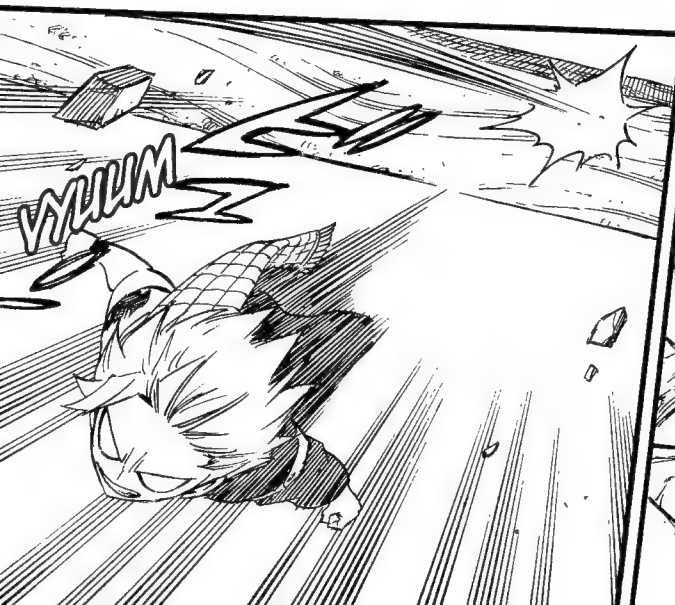
...it
doesn't
work on
him!!!



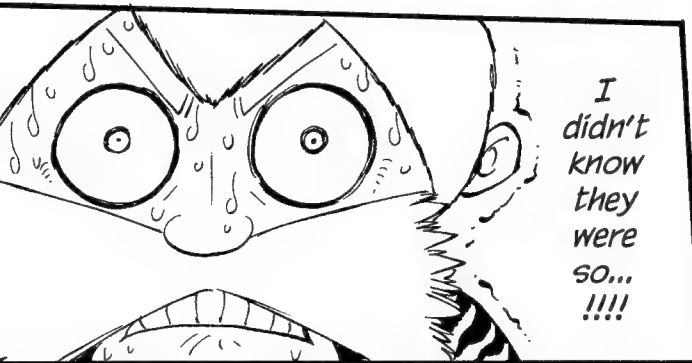
He's
eating
my
explo...

What is
this guy?!





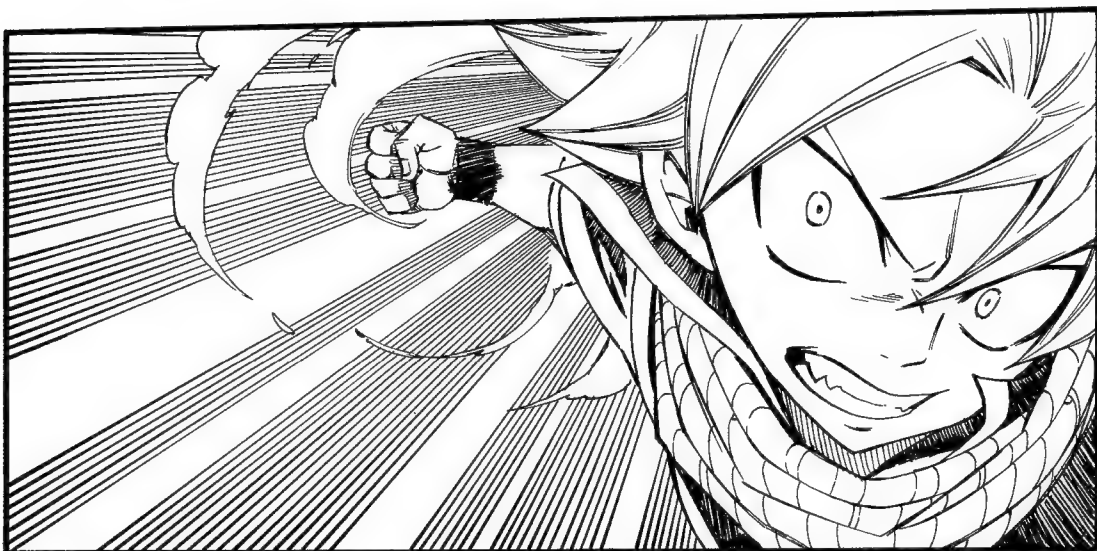




I
didn't
know
they
were
so...
!!!!



This is the first
time I've ever
seen a Fairy Tail
wizard fighting
up close...







I ain't
done
yet!!!!



He always
overdoes it!

Wasn't the
guy trying
to say
something?

Natsu-
san, he's
already...



Mind-
boggling
...



And their goal.



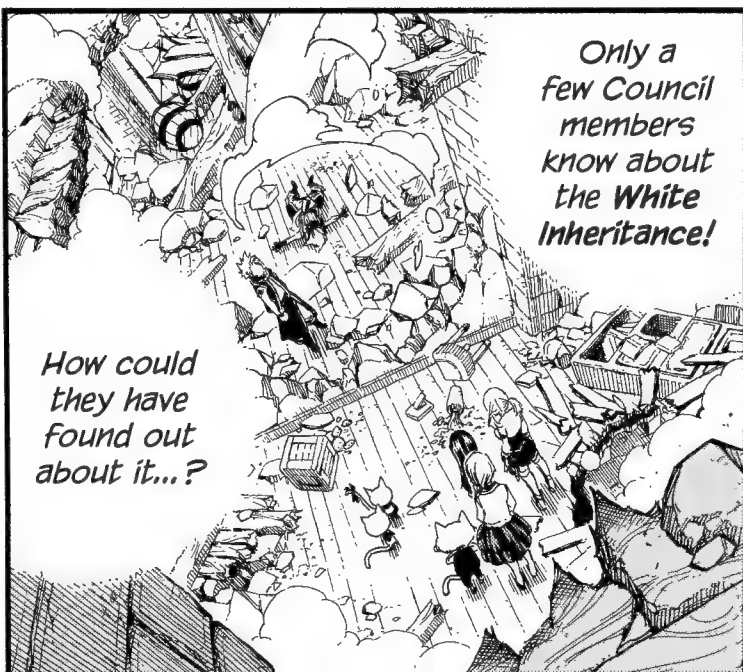
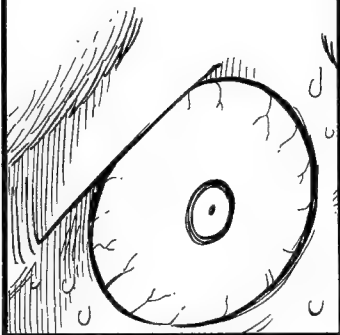
Oh, yeah. We were supposed to get his secret base outta him.

...then this could be very bad...

If they're after "Face"...



No... My first concern should be to hide myself...



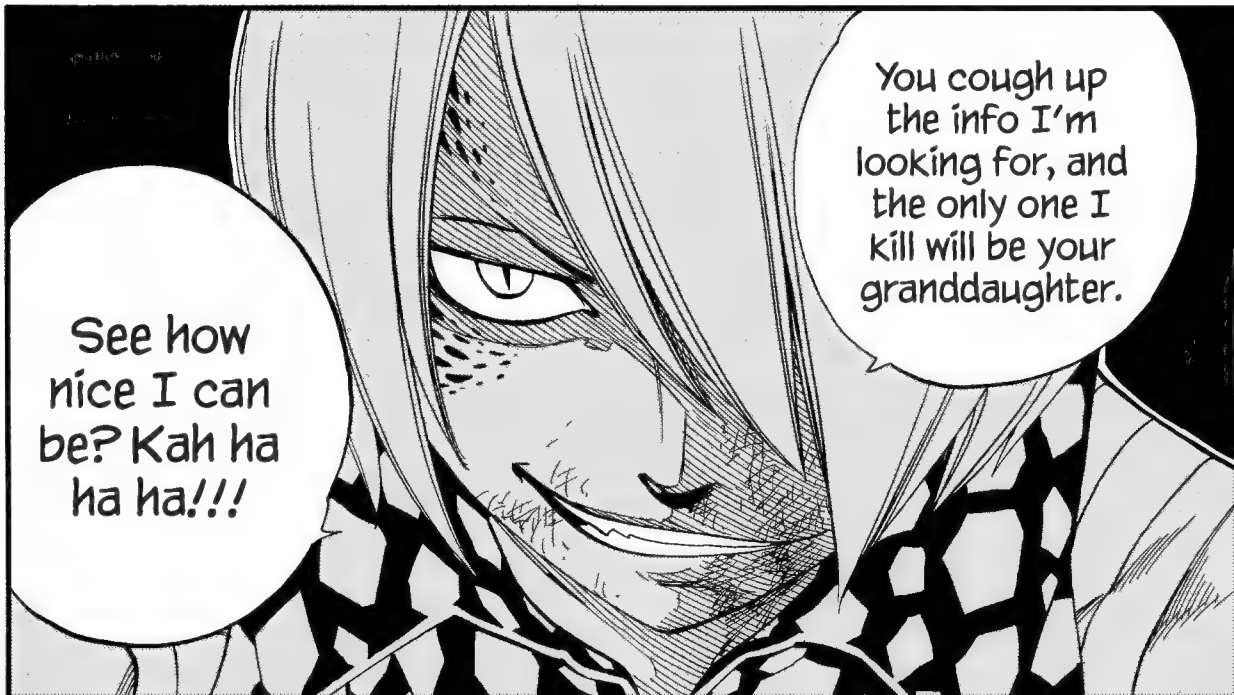
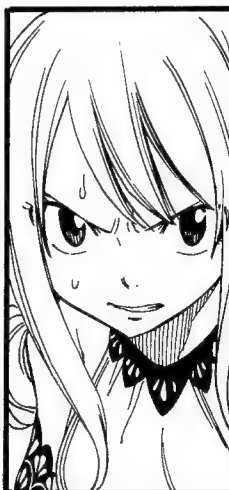
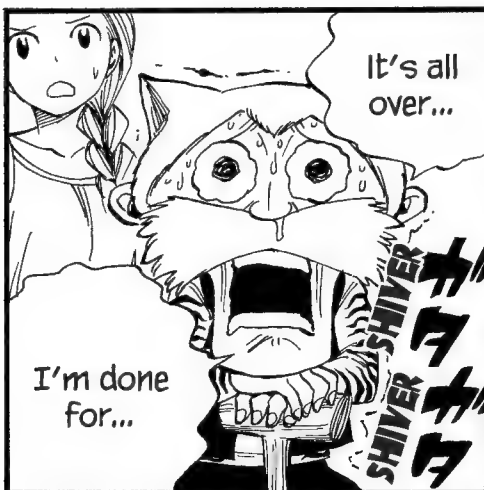
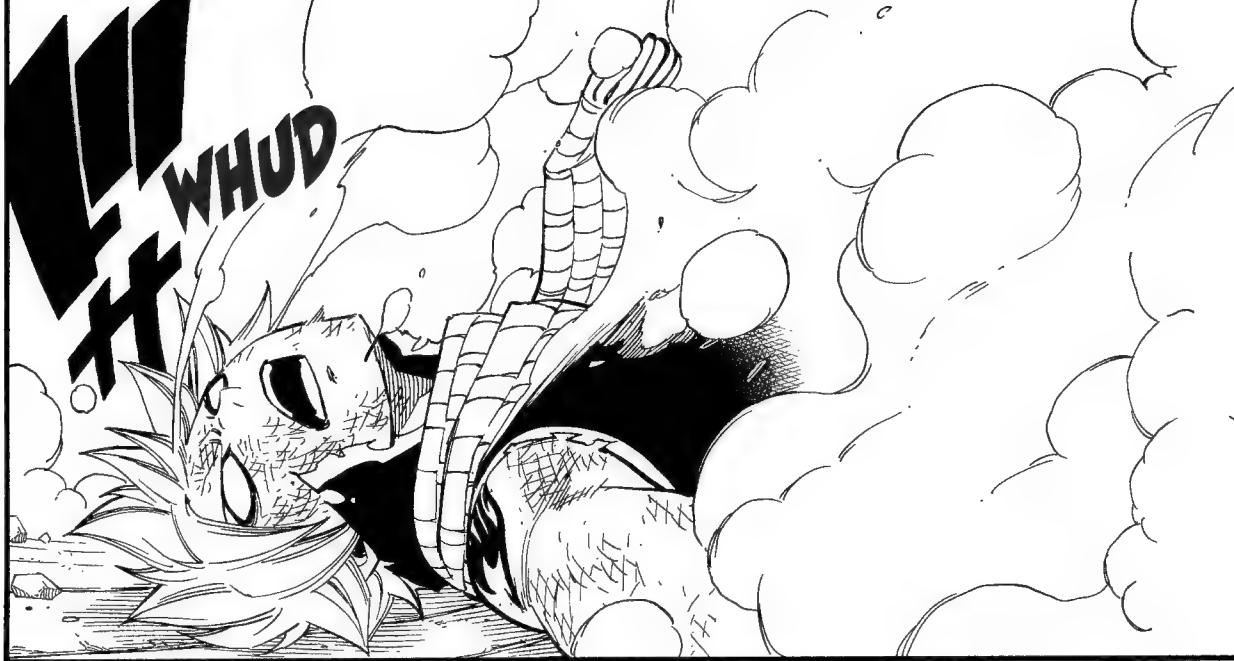
*Only a few Council members know about the **White Inheritance!***

How could they have found out about it...?









FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 361: Two Bombs



Remarks

Before he joined Blue Pegasus, Eve was a member of the Magic Council's forces in the Arrest and Custody Division. At the time, he was considered a child prodigy, but for unknown reasons, he wound up in Blue Pegasus. One explanation attributes it to headhunting by Master Bob.

Once inside the guild, he played the part of everyone's little brother, but as he aged, he began to wonder how long he could keep that character going. Recently, he's been thinking of becoming a brainy type like Hibiki.



Michello-
san!!!

Grandpa
!!



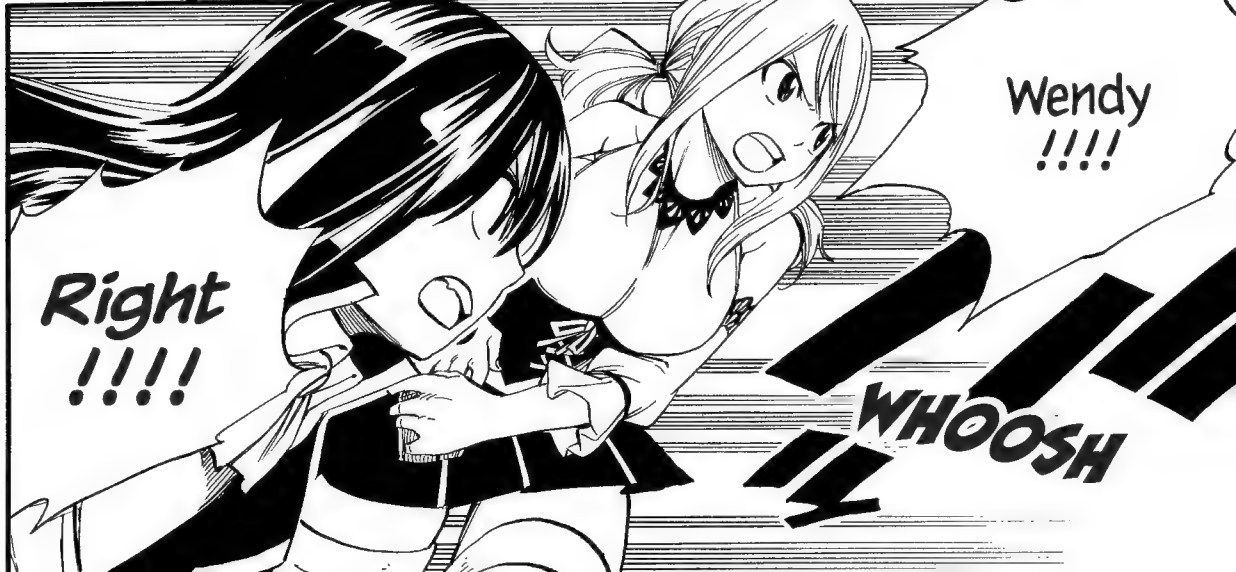
DASSSH
!!

EEEEEE
!!

EEEEEE
!!



You ain't
gonna get
away!



Right
!!!!

Wendy
!!!!

WHOOOSH



SWOOOOO
XHHHHH

TENRYŪ
NO*...



Be really
careful not
to touch
him!!!

*Sky Dragon's Roar

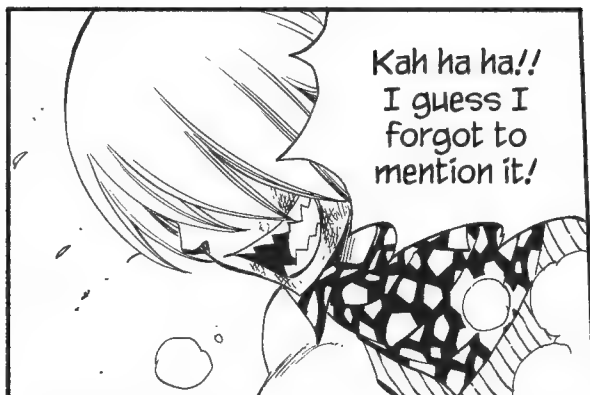


...
HÔKÔ*
!!!!

VSSHH







Kah ha ha!!
I guess I
forgot to
mention it!



He...
can shield
himself from
magic with the
winds from his
explosions!!!



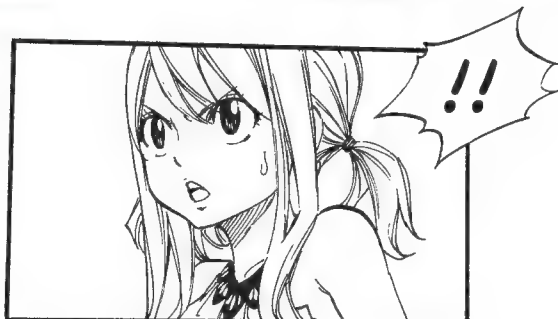
We use
curses!!!
They make
magic look
like *child's*
play!!!

Me and the
other members
of Tartaros don't
bother with that
magic crap!



No wizard
can hope to
compete!!

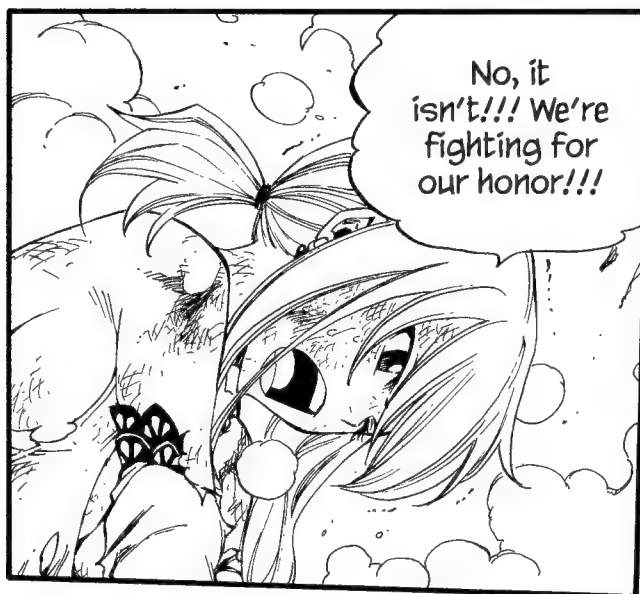
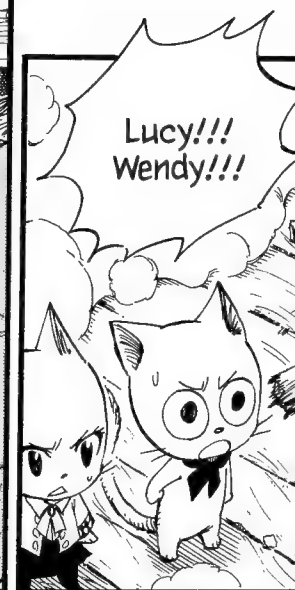
SWOOWWWW





*Spiral Blast









EEEEEE
!!!!

Found
you, old
man!



All I want
is to live
quietly with
my grand-
daughter!!



I don't
know any-
thing!!!

No!!! I got
nothing to
do with
it!!

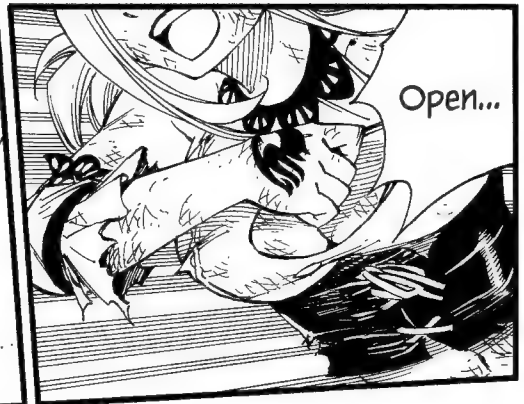


Kah ha
ha!!

Would
that be the
granddaughter
you left high
and dry to save
your own sorry
butt?



Whoops!
I wouldn't
move if I
were you.



Open...



It's a land-
mine curse.
The instant
you move...

BOOM!



What is
this?!!

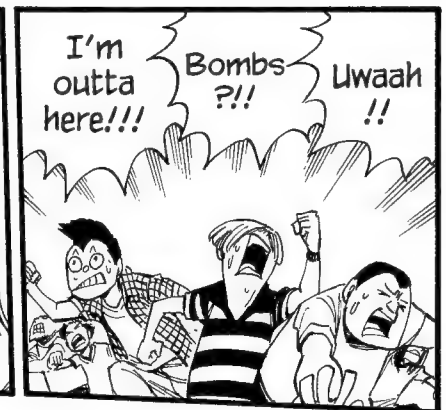
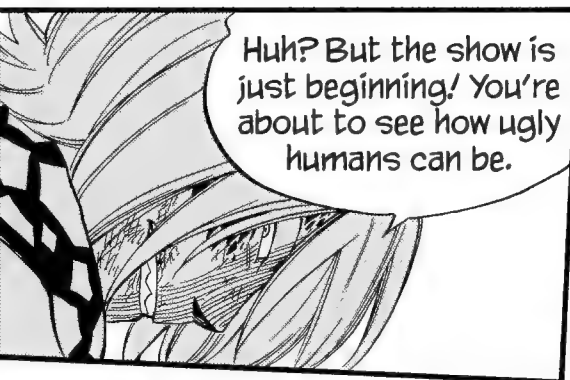
PEEP
PEEP

LO
F
ZZ
STPP



....
!!!

SH
I
N
G!





So
get me
out of
here!!!!

You
came
here to
protect
me, didn't
you?!!



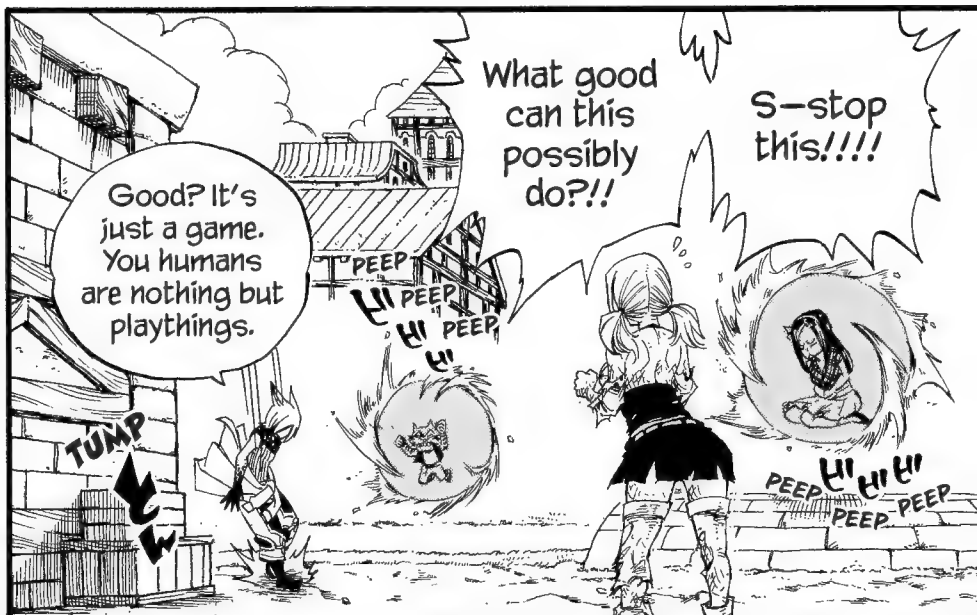
Help me,
please!!

I'm
carrying
a baby
!!!



Ten
seconds
left.
Clock's
ticking.

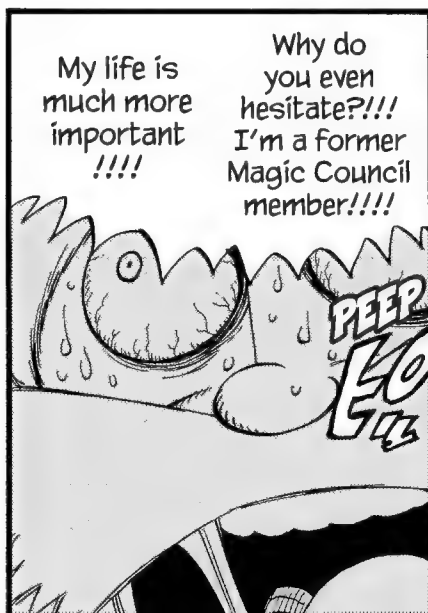
Why
can't
you just
fight
me fair
and...



Good? It's
just a game.
You humans
are nothing but
playthings.

What good
can this
possibly
do?!!

S-stop
this!!!!



My life is
much more
important
!!!!

Why do
you even
hesitate?!!!
I'm a former
Magic Council
member!!!!



Why
is this
happening
to me?

Urrnn...



But I...



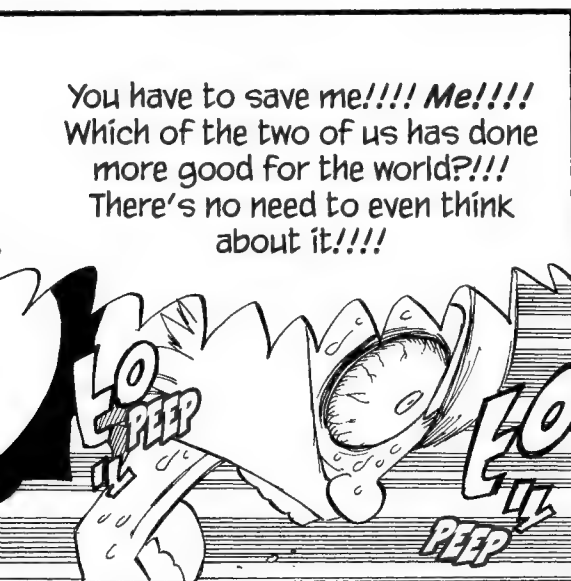
Kah ha ha
ha ha ha
ha ha!!!



Don't
forget...
Move, and it'll
be *you* that
goes boom.

And you'll
make *both*
of them go
kaboom
too.

Urk...



You have to save me!!!! *Me!!!!*
Which of the two of us has done
more good for the world?!!!
There's no need to even think
about it!!!!

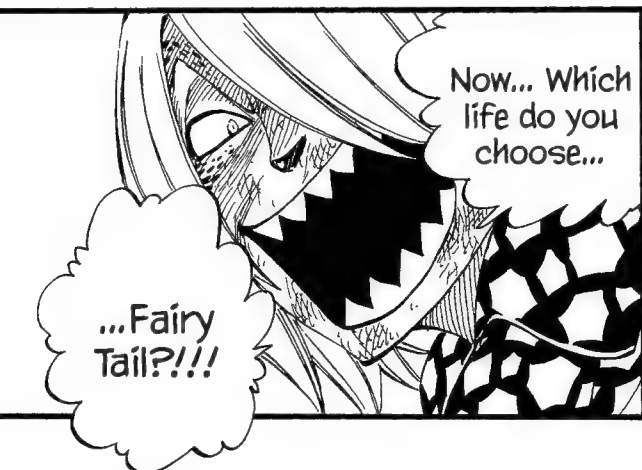


...



It's all
right...
Don't
worry...

Your
mommy
is here for
you!



Now... Which
life do you
choose...

...Fairy
Tail?!!!



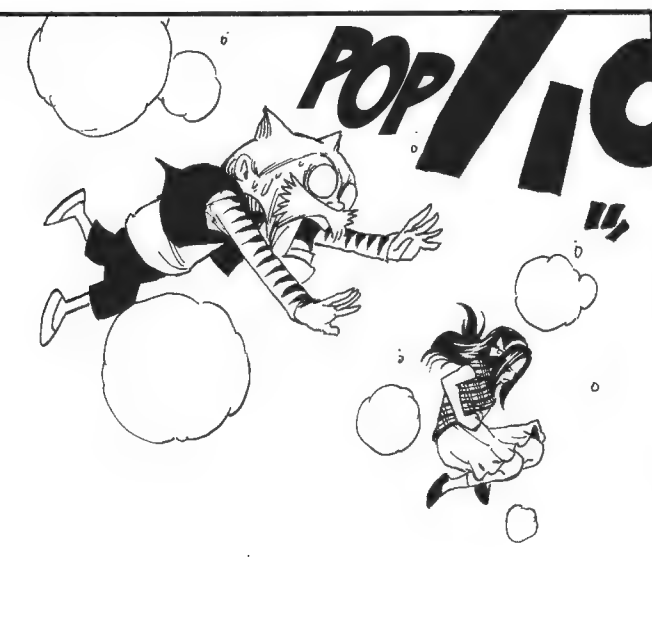
Uhn...



I
choose
to take
your
head
!!!!

GAHHH
!!

POKOOON



POP / IC

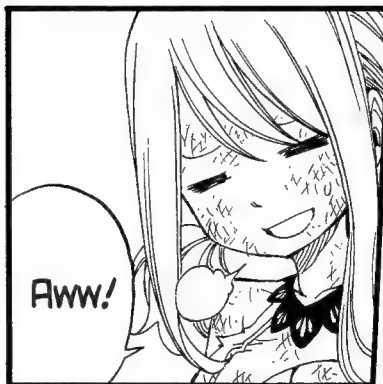
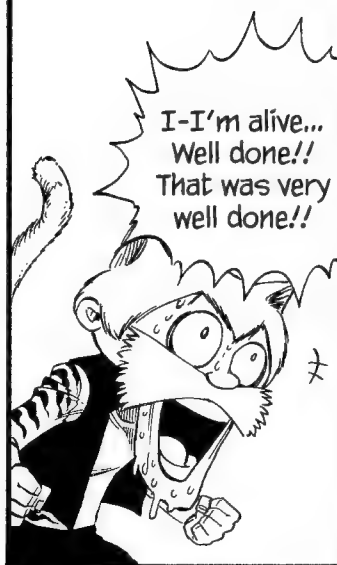


Are you
okay, Lucy-
san?!

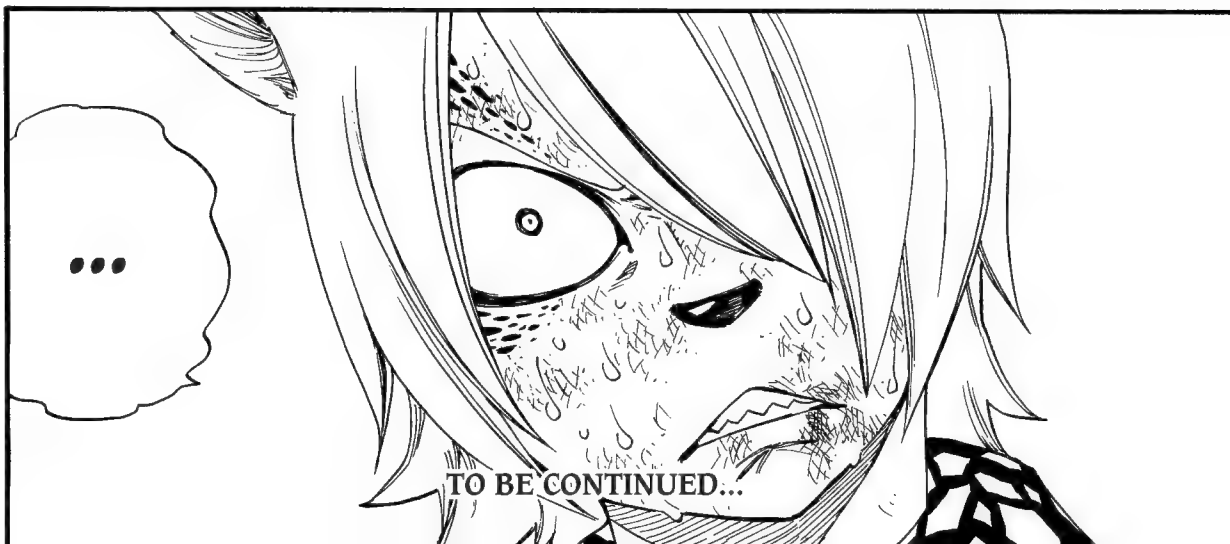
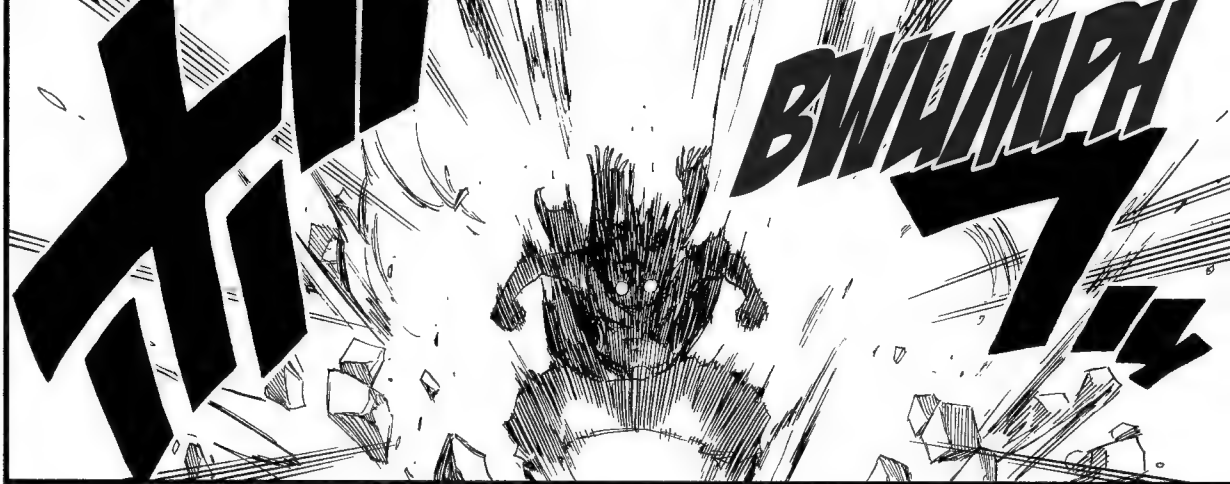


Natsu
!!









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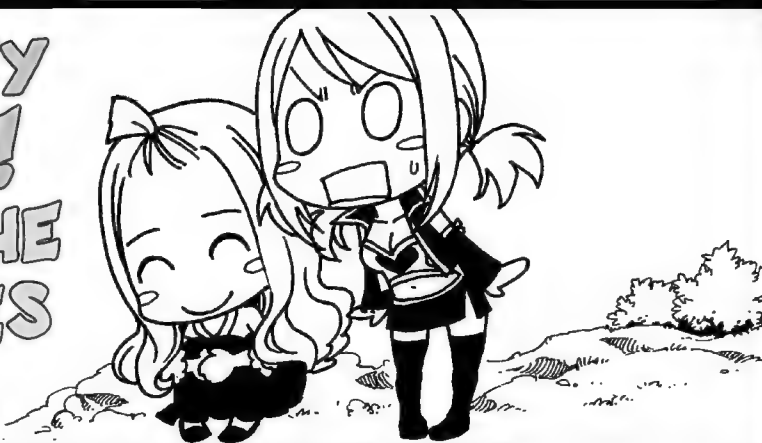
Afterword

Now we've plunged into the Tartaros arc. For this, I changed up my methods a bit and am making a 6-7 chapter short arcs. And calling each of the small sections "prologue," "part 1," "part 2," and so on. That's how I'm thinking of going. And to tell the truth, I know how many parts this is supposed to run, but I'm going to keep it a secret because it'd be really embarrassing if the schedule got off-track. (Ha ha!)

On a different subject, there are going to be a lot of new characters appearing in this arc. I don't have much time, and some of them have complicated designs, but I have to say, I'm really enjoying the character of Kyôka. In the near future, she's going to be doing a bunch of cruel things.

One of the delights of a battle manga is imagining what would happen if this villain character faced off against that character from the hero's group. The same holds true for the author, since it's really cool setting up simulations in my mind when pitting one character against another to see if it's interesting. And then there are characters who are created especially to fight a battle against a specific character. In this case, that'd have to be Silver. When that person battles the person they're set up for, you can be sure there will be a few hot plot twists. This arc will clear up a large mystery that's been running through this entire series! It'd make me really happy if you'd read it all the way to its conclusion!

EMERGENCY REQUEST! EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIES OF F.O.T.



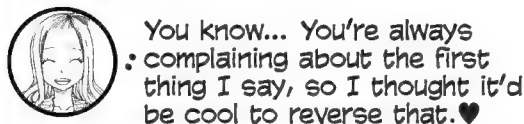
At the Fairy Tail counter...

Lucy: Hey, everybody!! Hi there!!

Mira: What's that about?!



: Huh?



You know... You're always complaining about the first thing I say, so I thought it'd be cool to reverse that.♥

Lucy: But...I didn't say anything weird.

Mira: What's that about?!

Lucy: I get the feeling this time is going to wear me out.

Mira: First question.

If Zeref can't see or hear Mavis in Vol. 40, then how can they have a conversation?



Lucy: A lot of people wrote in wondering about that.

Mira: Who's "a lot" about?!



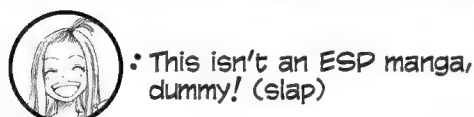
: Sigh...

Mira: First, remember that the first master can hear Zeref's voice just fine.

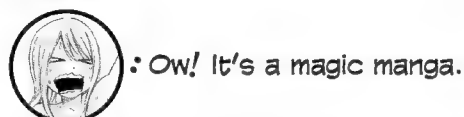
Lucy: Now you're suddenly serious?!

Mira: So the problem is with Zeref, right? He isn't supposed to hear the first master's voice, but he can still carry on a conversation.

Lucy: So... telepathy or something?



: This isn't an ESP manga, dummy! (slap)

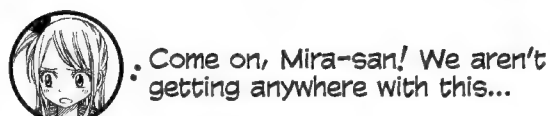


: Ow! It's a magic manga.

Mira: So since it's magic, you think you can do anything you want, dummy? (Slap!)

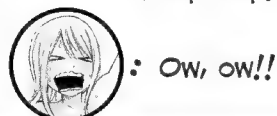
Lucy: Ow!!

Mira: What's, "Ow!" about? (Slap!)



: Come on, Mira-san! We aren't getting anywhere with this...

Mira: What's "Come on," about? (Slap slap!)



: Ow, ow!!

Continued on the right-hand page.

Continued from the left-hand page.

Mira: I think the two of them have something within them that transcends words or existence.

Lucy: I see... In other words, they can sort of communicate from consciousness to consciousness?

Mira: Lets us give it a try, huh?



: Ow!

Mira: Lucy, I sense you're in pain.



: That's because I just said, "Ow!"

Mira: Okay, next question.

Minerva wears striped panties, huh? That's cute.

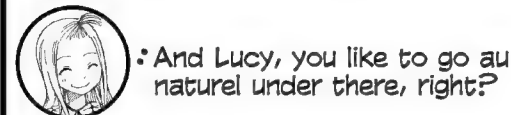


Lucy: Hey, that isn't a question!!!

Mira: Mine are all lacey! ♥



: You don't have to go announcing it!!!

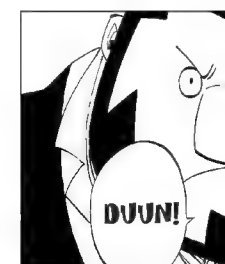


: And Lucy, you like to go au naturel under there, right?



: I wear underwear!!!!

What is Duun?

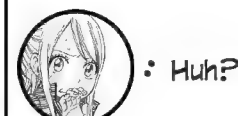


Lucy: How should I know?!!!

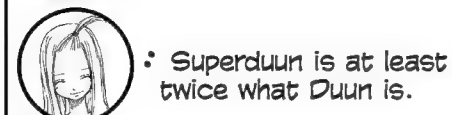
Mira: Hey, we have to answer this properly before the question corner is over!

Lucy: But there's no meaning to "Duun!" I mean, it's just, "Duun!"

Mira: Perhaps not. But even if, "Duun," has no meaning, "Superduun," has a meaning, right?



: Huh?



: Superduun is at least twice what Duun is.

Lucy: ...

Mira: It's a very super "duun."

Lucy: Um...

Mira: If I say it this way, it has a lot of meaning:

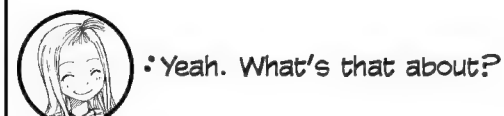
SUPERBEEN!



: WHERE DID DUUN GO?!!!

Mira: I think that wraps things up with a duun!

Lucy: And in the end, I'm still the one complaining about what you say.



: Yeah. What's that about?

Lucy: Okay... Now I'm exhausted...

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FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART

Who done it?!! I think the glancing Happy is really cute!

Hyogo Prefecture, Yui Kōsō



Yamanashi Prefecture, Yuki



▲ Ah ha ha! Why are they combined in this way?! It says Natsu Perfume...

Shizuoka Prefecture, Hyōsuke Andō



▲ Gajeel as the Iron-Shadow Dragon version! He looks tough!

Tokyo, Tomoka Sato



▲ Wow! You drew this really cute! Her outfit can only be found in a special version calendar making it a rare Juvia!

Chiba Prefecture, Okumura



▲ What a great picture! It has this ethereal quality! Mira-chan is going to have a great part in this arc!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Kumi Ebizuka



▲ The new series is about to start! Watch for it!!

Miyagi Prefecture, Seri



▲ I heard a lot of people say how much they love these two. Happiness binge!



Hyogo Prefecture, Kanon Yagi

▲ All the dragon slayers unite!! I wonder if they're going to be able to fight dragons again?!

Shizuoka Prefecture, Chisato Shimoyama



▲ A combination of a former rich girl and a present princess. I wanted to draw more interaction between them.

Saitama Prefecture, Nanami Shimada



▲ Ohh! The two as kids! Now that's a cute image!

Kagawa Prefecture, Sumiko



▲ Lucy in a sailor uniform! This is cute! Is she leaving Happy behind?

Tokyo, Yocchii



▲ I'm sure Wendy will have a big part too! Be sure to watch for it, okay?

Aichi Prefecture, 3A Is the Best



▲ The nine gates came really quickly! But we're missing two here...

Tokyo, Misa Matsuo



▲ Minerva has been rocketing up in popularity recently. I really like her too.

REJECTION CORNER

Wait... You're making a funny there, aren't you? Heh heh...



Fukuoka, Suzuna

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You shall give this one more sport, hm?

Ah...

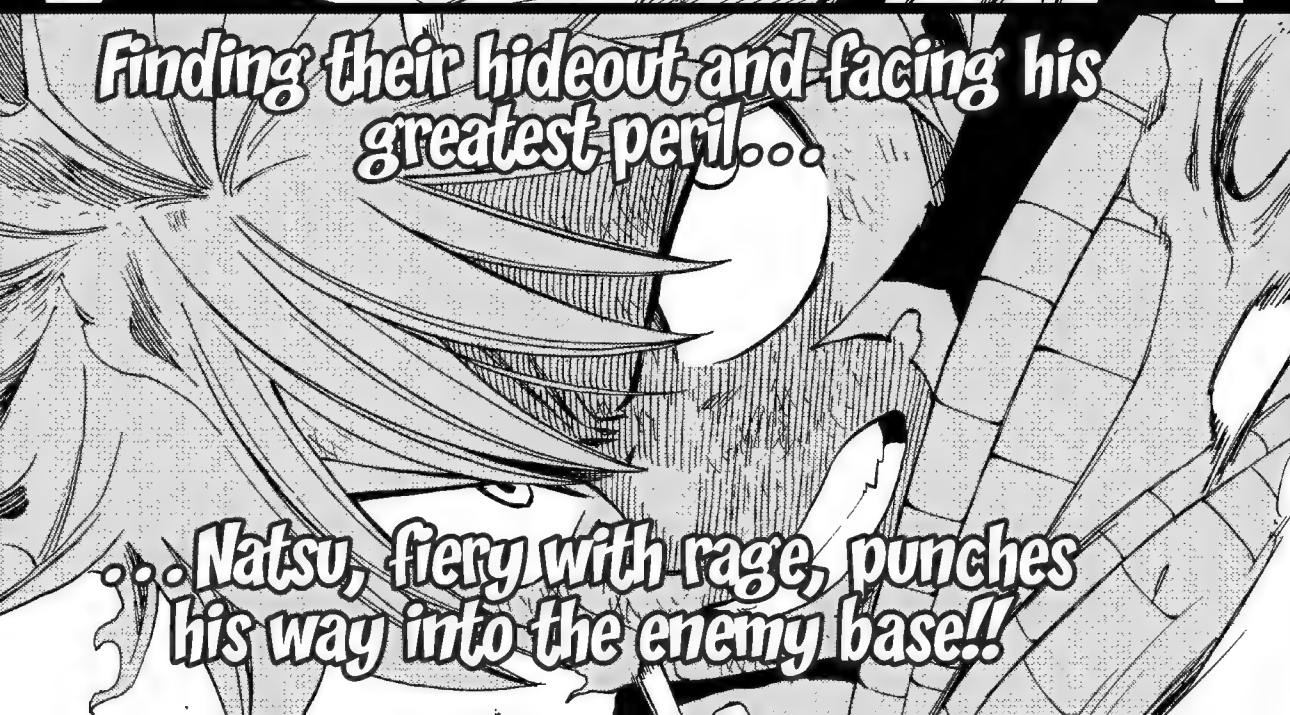
Plots, betrayals, torture...



The deeds of demons that will send unstoppable tingles down your spine!

Don't go saying a filthy name like that.

And the beginning of the countdown to Fairy Tail's destruction!!



Finding their hideout and facing his greatest peril...

...Natsu, fiery with rage, punches his way into the enemy base!!



...the word "mercy" is nowhere to be found.

In the demon stories...

NEXT TIME



Tartaros throws a terror party!

The fairies will be destroyed from within.

They send fatal plots against the fairies!



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フェアリーテイル

Coming Soon!

Fairy Tail

フェアリーテイル

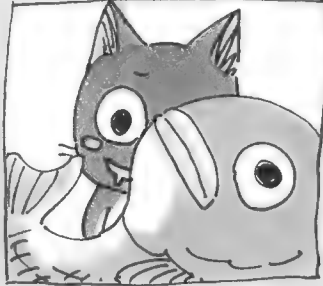
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WHERE'D THE
COVER FOR THE
GRAPHIC NOVEL
GO...?



FROM HIRO NASHIMA



The new TV anime series is just starting! It's been so long since I last saw everybody from the cast and staff, when I finally did see them, I was as happy as if I had just met up with everyone from my guild again! There will be little details where the new series will be a power-up of the old, so watch it! I'm sure you'll really enjoy it!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 20, Kyôka

Like Natsu (meaning “summer”), Kyôka is obviously a Japanese word, but unlike Natsu, Kyôka isn’t one that is normally accepted as a Japanese name. So odds are her name is based on the meaning of a Japanese word pronounced *kyôka*. We can go over some of the words it probably isn’t, like a bridge girder, a satirical poem or an offering of flowers, but one translation stands out as a probability. When she is first introduced, she describes her powers as making humans stronger, so we can assume the meaning of her name is the Japanese word *kyôka* which means to “enhance” or “strengthen.” Another outside possibility is to “instruct” or “enlighten,” but I would think “enhancing” is closer to her position (so far) in the story. Of course later events could prove me wrong.



Page 14, Women's bath

You may have heard that Japanese bathe in mixed company. It's true that there are mixed baths scattered here and there throughout the country, but they are rare. More common, even for small hot springs, is to section off women's baths from men's.

Page 79, Dôjigiri

One of the most famous swords in Japan was said to have been made by the great sword maker Amakuni Yasutsuna in the Heian period (794-1185) of Japan's history. It got its name because of a legend where it was used to cut off the head of an *oni* (Japanese ogre) leader, Shuten Dôji, so its name translates to "Dôji cutter." The blade still exists and was displayed last year at the Tokyo National Museum. It is said that although it is more than 900 years old, the blade is as clear as the day it was made.

Page 104, Agito

Agito means "jaw," but it is considered a far cooler way of saying it than the more common word, *ago*. In fact, the word is considered cool enough to have a Kamen Rider series named after it in the early 2000s. Other anime and game characters have also been named Agito.



Page 145, Tsundere

As mentioned in the notes for Volume 16, *tsundere* is a word for characters who pretend to be annoyed and unfeeling toward another character whereas they are actually madly in love. The word comes from two onomatopoeic words, *tsun tsun*, the sound of poking someone, and *dere dere*, the sound of cuddling. The two together refer to a type of personality that is angry and prickly at one moment, and loving the next. It's mostly used for female characters, although, as Ren demonstrates, there can be male *tsundere* characters, too.

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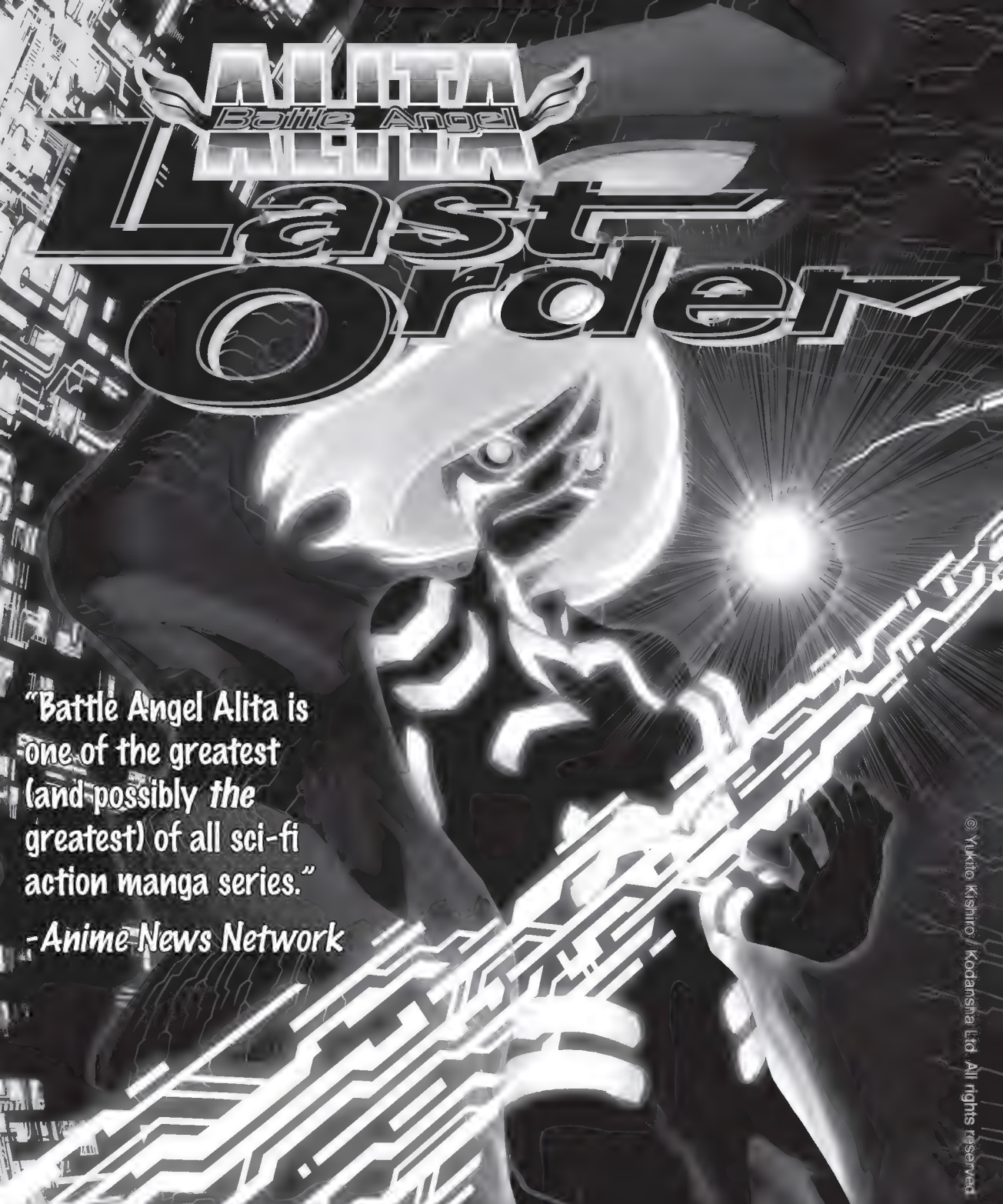
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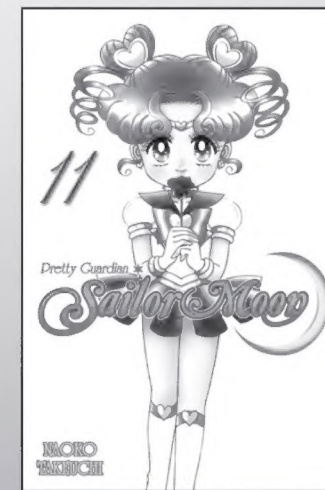
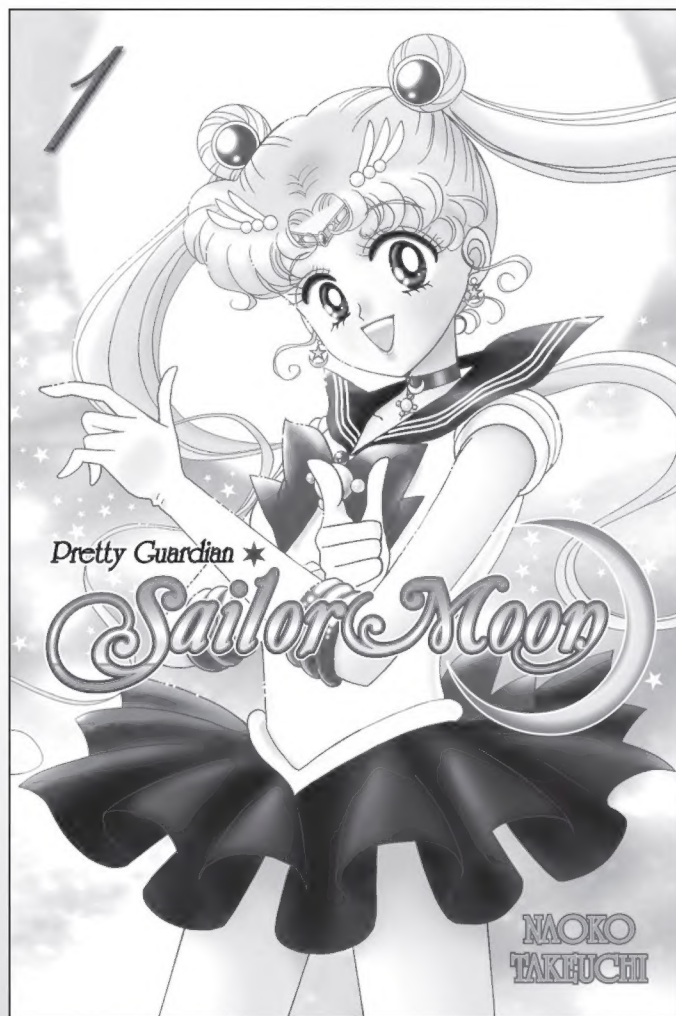


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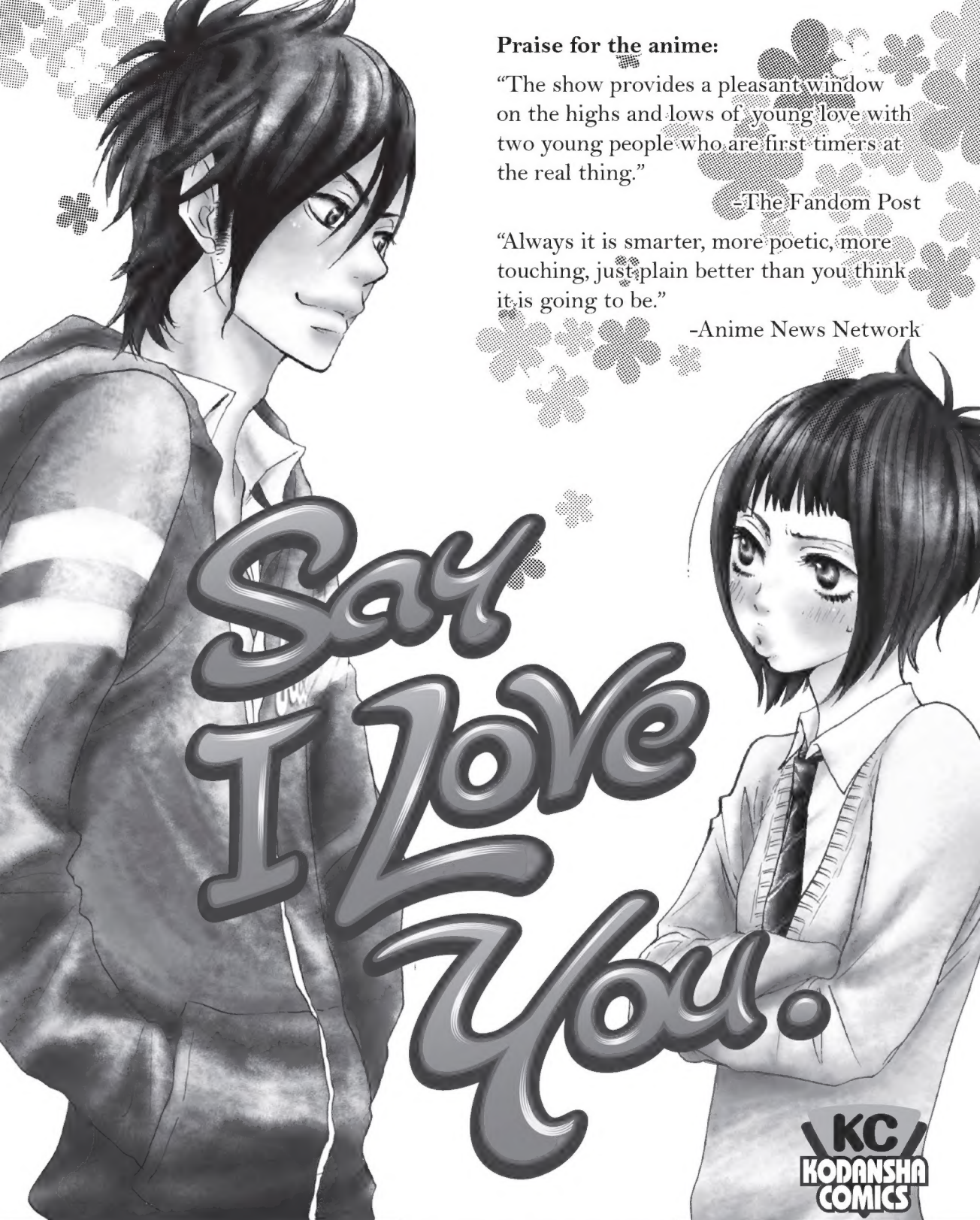
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